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Britons Run The Blockade

London, To-day.
"Running the blockade of the Biscay coast is becoming a risky business but there are skippers who are prepared to make the venture."

So declares the St. Jean de Luz correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," who says that two British vessels have managed to slip through into Santander.

The correspondent adds that the British steamer "Leadgate" left Bayonne yesterday in an attempt to get into the same port.

The report also reveals that a French yacht, "Le Sarte," is keeping up a daring regular service between St. Jean de Luz and Santander.—Trans-Ocean.

[A heated Parliamentary debate on British official surrender to the blockade is reported in Page Nine.]

RESTIVE CREW ON QUEEN MARY

Company Expected To
Meet Demands

London, To-day.
There has been considerable trouble among the crew and stewards of the giant Cunard liner "Queen Mary," says the "Daily Herald."

The liner sailed for New York yesterday with the men's complaints, one of which is against the curtailment of certain privileges, still unsettled.

The paper adds that no strike is likely as the Company will probably grant the men's demands.—Trans-Ocean.

VILLAGE RAZED BY FIRE

Troops Rushed For
Relief Measures

Berlin, To-day.
There is hardly a house standing in Kreugebra, a village in Thuringia, which was devastated by fire yesterday.

A detachment of troops was rushed to the spot to conduct relief measures for the 300 inhabitants whose homes were completely destroyed.

The fire broke out at noon yesterday, when all the men in the village were out in the fields.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW EXTRALITY AGITATION IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Given a new impetus by the conference now being held at Montreux to arrange for the abolition of capitulations in Egypt, the Chinese movement for the abolition of the system of extraterritoriality is being whipped up in Shanghai.

Degrelle Found In Paris

Paris, To-day.

M. Leon Degrelle, the Belgian Rexist leader who was recently defeated in the vital by-election by the Premier, has been staying in Paris incognito for the past two days, having left for the French capital immediately after the election.

He was not discovered by newspapermen until yesterday, when he declared his only purpose in coming to Paris was to bring his daughter, who is ill, too see a specialist.

Referring to his election defeat, M. Degrelle said he would continue to fight undaunted. "One day I shall win," he declared.

From Brussels, however, comes a message stating that differences between the Flemish Nationalists and the Rexists have been developing for some time, and that the alliance formed between the two parties last year may be dissolved.

The official organ of the Flemish Nationalists, revealing that dissension between the two parties was partly responsible for M. Degrelle's election defeat, says "Should M. Degrelle stand in the way of attainment of our objectives, we shall turn against him and support another faction more in sympathy with our aims."—Trans-Ocean.

There has been talk for some time of a revival of agitation and petitions regarding the controversy have been addressed to the Nanking Government by 175 Chinese civic bodies.

Now it is proposed to form a general committee composed of prominent members of the Chinese community in order to maintain the agitation.

Several leaders of the movement favour unilateral denunciation of extraterritoriality by China if negotiations with the Powers fail in their objective.—Reuter.

Dividing Up Palestine

JERUSALEM, TO-DAY.
THE SUGGESTION, MADE IN A LONDON NEWSPAPER RECENTLY, THAT PALESTINE BE DIVIDED INTO POLITICAL PROVINCES, IS FINDING MORE FAVOUR HERE THAN THE PROPOSAL TO DIVIDE THE COUNTRY INTO SEPARATE JEWISH AND ARABIAN DISTRICTS.

The latter scheme has been unanimously rejected by both Arabs and Jews.

Under the plan now proposed in London, the Arab and Jew minorities would remain in areas where the other race predominates, and would have an equal share in the administration.

Both races would appoint delegates to a National Council, which would be the central governing body, subject to the control of the British Mandate.

Some quarters in Jerusalem think that a settlement on the above lines would be possible, and might include the Trans-Jordan territory.—Trans-Ocean.

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THE CULLINAN DIAMOND.

(CONTINUED)

THE FOUR PORTIONS OF THE CULLINAN DIAMOND ARE KNOWN AS THE "STARS OF AFRICA". THE LARGEST OF THESE IS SET AT THE HEAD OF THE KING'S SCEPTRE, THE NEXT LARGEST IS IN THE KING'S CROWN, AND THE REMAINING TWO ARE IN THE STATE CROWN OF QUEEN MARY.

EXPERTS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE EXACT VALUE OF THE "STARS OF AFRICA". SUCH ENORMOUS STONES LOSE COMMERCIAL VALUE AS THE MARKET FOR THEM IS SO VERY LIMITED. NO ONE BUT A KING OR QUEEN COULD FITTINGLY WEAR THEM. ON AN ORDINARY PERSON THEY WOULD CERTAINLY BE TAKEN FOR JEWELS FROM A SIXPENNY BAZAAR!



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GREAT SUCCESS OF "STREET SINGER"

CHARMING AND LIVELY SHOW PUT ON BY PHILHARMONIC

A riot of colour and beautiful musical scores, the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society's "Street Singer," which opened its season at the Queen's Theatre last night, provided nearly three hours of the bright entertainment that local music lovers have come to expect from productions presented by the Society.

As in "Maid of the Mountain," Anne Winter in the title role, overshadows all others with her beautiful singing, and this, combined with her assurance and poise, raises her head and shoulders above the remainder of the cast. Her rendering of "Heart's Desire" in particular, brought the house down. Gordon Stopani-Thomson as Bonni, the ambitious young artist, handled rather a difficult role with great sympathy and although he was inclined to overact in parts, he was on the whole, convincing.

DROLL WIT

To say that Bob Henderson, as Francois, "stole" the show would be no exaggeration. He had ample opportunity to exploit his droll wit and his mere appearance was sufficient to send his audience into fits of laughter. His vitriolic comments on the uselessness and trouble making of the Fair Sex, who, in his song, "Ow I hate 'em" he describes as "slugs in the cabbage of life", made a pleasing contrast to the sentimental ravings of his master, Bonni.

Harry Cockle, as Bonni's friend, gave a very polished performance, while Elsie Fullerton and Elsie Alexander, handled the other big roles very convincingly. The latter will prove a decided asset to future productions, her vivaciousness and pleasing voice being in no small measure responsible for the success of the show.

In the smaller parts, David Kosick, better known for his soccer

refereeing, was an excellent Levy, the money-grabbing art dealer of Jewish extraction.

ROLICKING CHORUSES

Rollicking choruses, beautiful girls, colour, and a cheerful party spirit, kept things moving until the final curtain and all that was lacking to make this the success of many years, was a larger attendance.

The story is simple and is not particularly new. Bonni, a struggling artist, having tried for some time to sell one of his pictures without success, is about to be sold up and his friends gather in his house to give him a farewell party. After they have left he is visited by Yvette, a street singer, and Levy. Yvette gives the latter the money to buy a picture, with the result that Bonni is able to maintain his lodgings and in due course paints Yvette as the street singer. While giving a party in honour to his "Mascot" as he has dubbed Yvette, an invitation comes from the Duchess of Versailles expressing the hope that he will be able to attend a party she is giving at her palace and stating how charmed she is with his painting which Levy has shown her.

Bonni, torn between love of Yvette and his ambition, finally goes, only to discover that the Duchess is none other than the little girl he has always known as a street singer. He is terribly annoyed at the trick but eventually all is smoothed out and love comes into its own.

R.W.F. DANCE

The Junior N.C.O.'s of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers will hold their usual monthly dance at the Hotel Cecil on Saturday April 17. The dance band of the R. W. Fusiliers will be in attendance by kind permission of Lt. Col. D. M. Barchard and Officers.

THE WORLD GOES BY

ASTONISHING, the perennial appeal of the Cuckoo Derby, which has just broken out again in the Home papers.

It's about time the truth was told about this racket. Every year shoals of letters are written to English papers about these premature cuckoos, and we don't doubt the good faith of the writers.

But the alleged early birds are really old and jaded cuckoos, under contract to unscrupulous notepaper manufacturers to stay in England over the winter and get correspondents humming on the Creamlaid Superfine weeks before the authentic cuckoo migration hits the country.

It's artful, of course, but is it cricket?

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In Uganda, we read, the boys are offering wireless sets in exchange for wives.

In the pre-radio era you could get a first-class wife for a couple of oxen, but daddies of marriageable daughters have got too sophisticated for that, and now insist on a five-valve superhet or no orange blossom.

From the bridegroom's point of view it seems to us a pretty poor bargain. After all, you can switch off a radio set. . .

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There are mornings when we wake up feeling clinically incapable of humour. It isn't that we've necessarily got a hangover—in fact, the feeling often follows an early night.

At such times our "Boy" Ah Fong is invaluable, putting an extra shot of liqueur in our grape fruit, putting out our other shirt (the one without the soup stains) and in a hundred little thoughtful ways striving to coax us into a funning mood.

Yesterday the honest fellow was at his wits' end, having failed dismally to rouse us from our misanthropic torpor. Then, just as he turned to go he caught his foot in a piece of electric light flex, turned a double somersault, and ended up with his face embedded in our untouched porridge.

The spell was broken. We laughed the oldest laugh in the world.

"Wanchee any more, master?" panted Ah Fong, transfixed. . .

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The sending of large bodies of German troops to Spain has caused uneasiness to the mothers of Germany, says Lady Layton.

The sending of large bodies of German troops to Spain has also caused uneasiness to the mothers of Spain, says Ulysses.

"The man was petrified, actually and literally petrified," says a Home paper.

O.K., buddy.

We can take a hint.

The bloke was petrified.

"There was a collision near the bus terminus at P'Ancrese yesterday between a Blue Bird bus driven by Mr. Emile Le Billon and a Fruit Export Co. motor-lorry being driven from La Moye towards Vale Church by Mr. Chaumiere to-morrow at 8 p.m."—Home paper.

That ought to give the boys plenty

JAVANESE SULTAN'S ROMANCE

Milan, To-day.

A royal romance, which began during the winter sports at St. Moritz, has come to light with the announcement of the impending marriage of the Javanese Sultan of Djokjakarta and the daughter of a Greek ship-owner, Miss Nadya Vlassov.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, it is reported, was at first opposed to the marriage but the Sultan, who rules over an area containing 15,000,000 inhabitants in the Netherlands East Indies, made a special journey to The Hague, where he obtained the Queen's consent.

It is rumoured here that he threatened to abdicate unless the Queen gave her consent to the marriage.

The young couple will be married in Milan shortly and will spend their honeymoon on Lake Maggiore, after which they will return to Java, where the Sultan's subjects are preparing a magnificent welcome. — Trans-Ocean.

Ethiopia Massacre Stories

Berbera, To-day.

Abyssinian refugees who have crossed the frontier into British Somaliland in the last few days tell graphic stories of the sufferings of the natives.

Some, they tell, walked 800 miles to escape the "Italian massacre."

Hundreds died on the way to the frontier, whilst thousands are homeless at Gala, where their property has been confiscated.

The food shortage is stated to be acute.—Reuter.

MR. WU TE-CHEN

To Assume Office
To-morrow

Canton, To-day.

Mr. Wu Te-chen, new Governor of Kwangtung, arrived in Canton at 12.10 p.m. yesterday and was met at the station by General Yu Han-mau, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangtung, Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, the Mayor, Mr. Hsu Sung-ching, Commissioner of Education, and a large number of party, political and military officials.

After greetings, Mr. Wu proceeded to his Tung Shan residence.

Later, His Excellency called on General Yu.

Mr. Wu will assume office at 10 a.m. to-morrow.—Our Own Correspondence.

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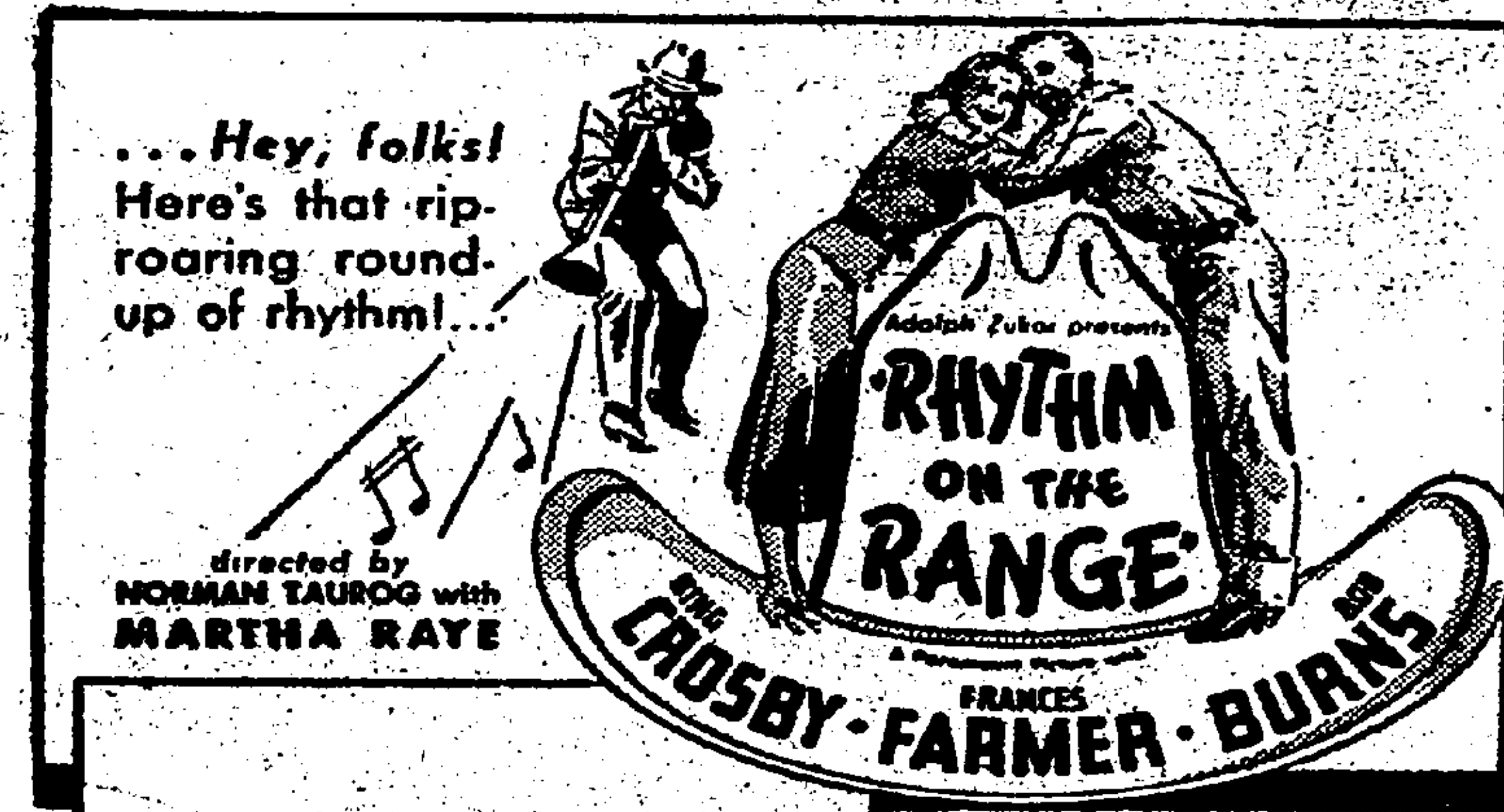
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FATAL MOTOR MISHAP

Mr. Grant Cameron Charged

Peter W. Grant Cameron, of Messrs. Carroll Brothers, was this morning charged, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy, with driving car No. 3190 in a dangerous manner at 9.15 on Tuesday night in Queen's Road East, near Li Chit Street, and with having inefficient brakes.

The case was adjourned till Saturday, defendant being allowed bail of \$500.

Traffic Inspector Saunders said defendant was driving at a fast speed and knocked down a Chinese who was admitted to the G.C.H. and died this morning. The brakes of the car were found to be useless. There was some evidence to show that deceased hesitated in crossing the road and a more serious charge was not, therefore, preferred.

LOCAL ESTATES

Mr. D. W. Peterson And Mr. H. Milner

Local estate, valued at \$32,900, was left by the late Mr. Duncan Wilkie Peterson, of No. 116, Cannon Street, London, who died on June 25 last in the Hospital of Tropical Diseases.

Sealing of the certified copy of Probate of the Will has been granted to Mr. G. Miskin, Director of Messrs. Gilman and Company, Limited, lawful attorney.

The late Mr. Henry Milner, of Beau Rivage Greve d'Azette, St. Clement, Jersey, who died on May 15, 1935, at St. Saviour, Jersey, left local estate to the value of \$3,000.

Mr. M.M. Watson applied for sealing of the certified copy of Probate of the Will, which has been granted.

Local estate to the value of \$18,000 was left by the late Mr. Bernardio Mario Cardoso da Cunha, of No. 5, Humphreys Building, who died in St. Paul's Hospital on January 22 last. Deceased's widow, Mrs. Helena Maria Perpetuo da Cunha, has been granted Probate of the Will.

A Chinese woman, Chu Yun-chi, alias Cheung Chu-shi, of No. 1, Wood Road, who died at No. 110, Tung Fook Sai Road, Honam, Canton, on September 2 last, left local estate valued at \$27,100 to her husband, Chu Sau-shan, druggist, who has been granted Probate of the will.

H. Quan, alias Quan Hoy, alias Quan Yuen-hoy, late of New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada, who died on October 15, 1935, left local estate, valued at \$9,100. An application by Mr. J.T. Prior, lawful attorney, for sealing the Letters of Administration, has been granted.

PASTEURISATION - OF MILK

Year's Grace Given

An order for the pasteurisation of all milk sold in the Colony for human consumption will come into force on July 1, 1938.

A year's grace is thus given to the small dairies to devise means of complying with the decision to make pasteurisation compulsory.

S.P.C. CHARITY BALL

In connection with the recent charity ball at the Peninsula Hotel, the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children wishes to express grateful thanks to Mr. A. K. Dimond for helping with the organisation and providing a prize of chocolates; to Mr. A. Krilovsky for designing the programme cover; to Mr. Ho, of the Connaught Printing Press, for arranging to have the programmes printed; to Mr. Erik Nelson for helping with the cabaret; to Mr. G. Goncharoff and Mrs. A. McKean for cabaret numbers; to Messrs. Dodwell and Co. for two bottles of whisky as prizes; to the King's Theatre for tickets; to Norman Brooks and his band; to Mr. Chan Wing, of Singapore, for a donation of \$200; and to all others who in any way assisted.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due at Hong Kong on Thursday, April 22 at 7 a.m. and leaves for Manila on the 22nd at 5 p.m.

The B. I. Steam Ship Tilawa will leave for Amoy, Shanghai, Dairen, Moji, Kobe and Osaka tonight at midnight.

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12.30 p.m.—Raie da Costa Memories.
12.50 p.m.—Frances Day (Soprano) in three songs.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—The New Light Symphony Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Violin Recital by Mischa Elman.
1.55 p.m.—Vocal Gems.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
5-8 p.m.—European Programme.
5 p.m.—Relay of Dance Music from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6 p.m.—From the Studio.
Children's Concert.
6.30 p.m.—The Berlin State Opera Orchestra with Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).
Orchestral—
Polonaise No. 2 (Liszt, arr. Muller-Berghaus).
Soprano Solos—
Nymphs and Shepherds (Purcell).
My mother bids me bind my hair (Haydn).
Orchestral—
"Jubel"—Overture (Weber).
Soprano Solo—
Cradle Song (Schubert).
Orchestral—
"The Bartered Bride"—Overture (Smetana).
Soprano Solo—
The Almond Tree (Schumann).
Orchestral—
Torch Dance No. 1 in B Flat Major (Meyerbeer).
7.10 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Arthur Rubinstein.
Polonaise No. 2 in E Flat Minor, Op. 26, No. 2 (Chopin).
Polonaise No. 3 in A Major, Op. 40, No. 1 (Chopin).

Minuet and Trio (from Fantasia Sonata in G Major, Op. 78), (Schubert).
Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
Bellad Memories.
Love Tales.
"Toad of Toad Hall"—Selection (Fraser-Simson).
Jerome Kern Melodies, (arr. Henry Hall).
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—From the Studio.
Chinese Concert.
11 p.m.—Close Down.
8.05-11 p.m.—European programme from ZEK on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.
8.05 p.m.—Vocal Gems.
"Helen" (Offenbach, arr. Korngold).
Columbia Light Opera Company.
"The Student Prince" (Romberg).
Light Opera Company.
Some of my Songs.
Mabel Wayne.
8.25 p.m.—Piano Medley by Renara.
"Sweet Adeline" Medley.
Rhythm of the rain, introducing "Valentine."
Zing! went the strings of my heart.
"Glamorous Night" Waltz Medley.
8.40 p.m.—Potpourri of Waltzes played by Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.15 p.m.—London—Musical Interlude (Recorded).
9.23 p.m.—London—"Food for Thought" Three Short Talks on matters of topical interest. (Electrical Recording).

9.45 p.m.—Variety Items.
Vocal—
Polly—Wolly—Doodle.
Mae Questal.
Accordeon—
Stars and Stripes for ever—March.
George Scott-Wood.
Vocal—
One Night of Love.
Master Robert Harris (Boy-Soprano).
Hawaiian—
Maybe it's the moon.
Frank Ferera's Hawaiian Triol.
Vocal—
There's no one with endurance.
Frank Crumit, (Comedian).
10 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—
Tain't no use.
Poor Dinah.
Empty Saddles.
Supposing.

Waltz—
Say that you will not forget.
Sweet Mary Rose.
Fox-Trot—
Bring 'em back alive.
Just as long as the world goes round and around.
He kissed Maggie, Maggie kissed him back.
Quick-Step—
We're friends again.
Slow Fox-Trot—
Poor Butterfly.
Waltz—
Vienna, City of my dreams.
Fox-Trot—
Say the word and it's yours.
Everything's in rhythm with my heart.
There isn't any limit to my love.
I don't want to make history.
Goody-Goody.
It's been so long.
Waltz—
Poeme.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"A Doctor's Diary", with John Brent, Helen Burgess, George Bancroft and Ruth Coleman. A gripping drama of medical ethics and life behind the scenes in a large Metropolitan Hospital and a doctor's struggles between love and duty.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Music Hath Charms", with Henry Hall's famous B.B.C. Dance Band, W. H. Berry, Arthur Margetson and Carol Goodner. A British picture, something new in films in which there are four stories each linked up logically with the main theme showing the effect of Henry Hall's dance music on different persons.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Rhythm on the Range", with Bing Crosby, Frances Farmer, Bob Burns and Martha Raye. Bing Crosby needs no introduction and the rest of the cast are all outstanding in this lively musical comedy.

AT THE KING'S—"One Rainy Afternoon", with Francis Lederer, Ida Lupino and Roland Young. A United Artist picture in which Francis Lederer and Roland Young give outstanding performances. It's all about a stolen kiss in a Paris cinema and the resulting complications provide one of the best comedies shown here for weeks.

AT THE STAR—"Violet Lorraine and the ever-popular Gordon Harker in "Roadhouse," a Gaumont-British success.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Evelyn Prentice", another fine M.G.M. picture, with William Powell and Myrna Loy. If you saw them in "The Thin Man," you'll like this.

COMING PICTURES

"White Hunter"—with Warner Baxter and June Lang in a thrilling story of two people amid the menace of savage passions. Coming to the Queen's.

"Craig's Wife"—with Rosalind Russell and John Boles. The Pulitzer Prize play. The story of a woman who lived for the strongest love ever conceived and makes you hate her as you never hated a screen player before. Coming to the King's Theatre.

"Under Cover of Night" with Edmund Lowe, Florence Rice, Sarah Haden and Nat Pendleton. One of the most unique mystery stories to reach the screen. The story is placed in a great College with a background of science for the mysterious crimes. This is unusual and stirs the interest from the start with Lowe as the sleuth. Coming to the King's.

"Mind Your Own Business."—With Charles Ruggles, Alice Brady, Lyle Talbot, Benny Baker and Frankie Darro. The tale of a nature writer who has bees in his bonnet as well as his column and a wife who gets him into a tangle that it takes a general alarm to unravel. Coming to the Queen's.

"Champagne Waltz", with Gladys Swarthout, Fred MacMurray, Jack Oakie and Herman Bing. Gladys Swarthout's excellent singing is a major feature, but a bright film, it includes humour, a touch of pathos and some of the most delightful music heard for a long while. The musical background is provided by Strauss waltzes. Coming to the Oriental.

"Hearts Divided", with Marion Davies, Dick Powell, Claude Rains, Charles Ruggles, and Edward Everett Horton. Prince Jerome Bonaparte defies his brother, the Emperor Napoleon, for the love of his Baltimore sweetheart, Betty Patterson. Coming to the Oriental.

"Banjo on My Knee"—With Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea, Helen Westley, Buddy Ebsen, Walter Catlett, Katherine de Mille and Anthony Martin. A thrill musicale, depicting the tragic-comedy that is the life story of the river-boat people on the Mississippi. Coming to the Queen's.

"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fowles and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

"Charlie Chan at the Race Track", with Warner Oland, Keye Luke, Helen Wood, Thomas Beck and Gavin Muir. Another typical Chan mystery, but one of the best coming to the Oriental.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Plot And Counterplot

"Just my luck!" was the growl that arose from the West player in to-day's hand. "I've waited for three months to get a chance to make a particular play, and when it finally came along, what happened? I had to be playing against you, and you found a way to wriggle out."

The object of his remarks, the South player, grinned and soothed his friendly enemy's ruffled feelings. It was tough luck of a sort that does not often occur.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—7 4

H.—10 7 4

D.—9 5 2

C.—K 10 7 4 2

WEST

S.—A J 10 9 5

H.—J 8 5

D.—10 7 3

C.—Q 9

EAST

S.—6 3 2

H.—9 6 3 2

D.—K 8 4

C.—J 6 3

SOUTH

S.—K Q 8

H.—A K Q

D.—A Q J 6

C.—A 8 5

The bidding:

South West North East
2 no trump Pass 3 no trump (final bid)

West opened the jack of spades, and South won with the queen. A glance at the dummy showed him two chances for his contract. If West could be forced to hold a club trick the spade king would be safe from attack and the club suit could be brought in. Failing that the diamond suit might produce three tricks, provided East could be kept out of the lead.

South laid down the ace of clubs and West rose to the occasion by hastily getting rid of his queen.

This was a fine play since, had he kept the queen South would have led a low club and let the queen hold. The clubs then would be established.

Declarer next led a low club, hoping that West had started with the doubleton queen-jack. West played his nine and declarer abandoned his first line of play and started on his second. He won with dummy's king and returned a diamond for the finesse of the queen. When the queen held the declarer saw that there was much less chance of dropping the diamond king on the second lead of the suit than that another plan would succeed, namely, that if he were to present West with his spade tricks, eventually the diamond lead would have to come up to his tenace. The only chance for this plan to go astray was that West might have started with more than five spades. To get an approximate count on West's distribution, therefore, declarer cashed his three heart tricks, and noting that West followed suit and that he had previously shown two clubs, declarer decided that the spade throw-in was his best bet. Obviously, the plan worked. West took his four spades and then had nothing left to lead but a diamond.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Is it proper for a player as a matter of faith and courtesy to tap the cards rather than cut them?

Answer: No. The laws require that the cards be cut. Without this cut the deal is invalid. It is not a sign of faith or courtesy to refrain from cutting cards, since no distrust is implied by the cut.



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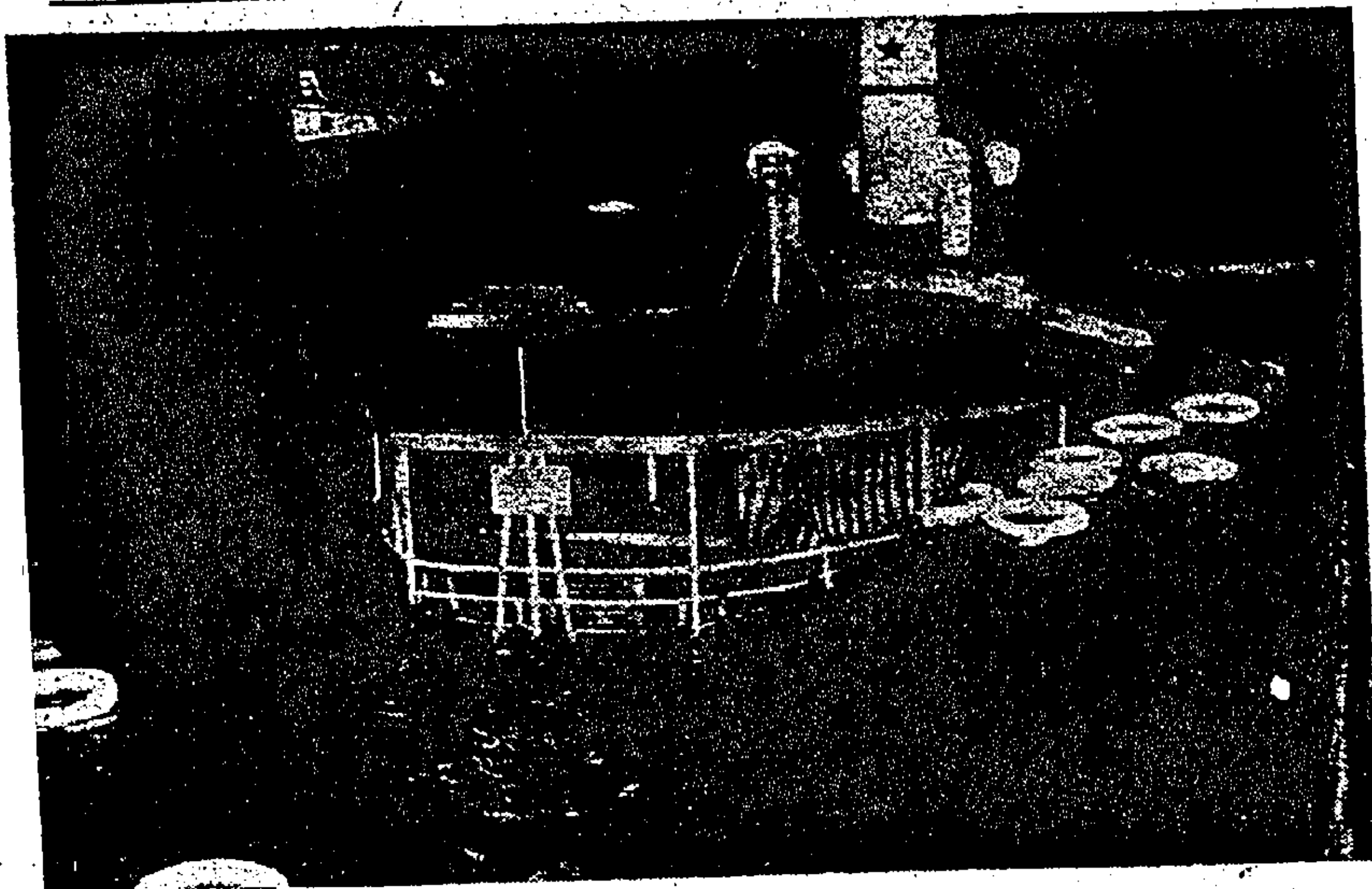
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GANDHI: NO CONCESSION

Congress Leaders To Meet To Discuss Situation



A flashlight picture of the "Night Star" shown as she was sinking at the wharf with her lifebuoys floating on the water. ("China Mail" photo).

THE FERRY COLLISION

SALVAGE WORK COMMENCED

SURVEY NECESSARY

Salvage work on the "Night Star," the ferry that sank by the Hong Kong wharf yesterday after being in collision with the "Meridian Star," was started this morning.

Until a thorough survey is made, it is impossible to say how long it will take. Operations are in the hands of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company who have already started repairs to the "Meridian Star" which is now on the slipway at the docks.

The mishap occurred at 5.45 yesterday afternoon. The "Night Star" had just left the Hong Kong side and apparently owing to a sudden defect in the steering gear of the "Meridian Star" which was approaching the wharf, the two vessels collided, with the result that the "Night Star" sustained damage below the water-line and after returning to the wharf and disembarking her passengers, settled down and sank.

This morning, the only signs of the vessel, were her funnel and foremast just protruding from the water.

NEW A.A. AND Q.M.G. FOR HONG KONG

Lt.-Col. Thomson Of The Buffs

London, To-day.

Lieut.-Col. A. B. Thomson, The Buffs, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General in charge of the administration of British troops in China, with effect from October 2.

Colonel M. A. Studd has been appointed to the corresponding post in Malaya with effect from September 14.—Reuter.

Britain Bound By Locarno

London, To-day.

"His Majesty's Government are still bound by the first paragraph of section three of the text of the proposals of March 19, 1936, by which they declared as regards their obligations to France and Belgium that nothing that had happened before or since the breach of the Treaty of Locarno could be considered as having freed the signatories of that Treaty from any of their obligations or guarantees and that the latter subsisted in their entirety."

This statement was made by the Foreign Secretary in the Commons last night in answer to a member who enquired if Britain were still bound by the Locarno Treaty in view of Germany's denunciation and Belgium's approaching release from its obligations.—British Wireless Service.

CONTROL PLAN FOR SPAIN

To Come Into Force Next Week

London, To-day.

The Chairman's subcommittee of the international committee for the application of the agreement regarding non-intervention in Spain will meet at the Foreign Office tomorrow morning.

It is understood that the committee will have before it a communication from the non-intervention board regarding the date for the coming into force of the control scheme and it is believed that the date recommended is early next week.

The question of the withdrawal of volunteers from Spain will also be on the sub-committee's agenda.—British Wireless.

Mr. E. M. Watts has assumed the position of Traffic Officer of Imperial Airways (Far East) Limited, in succession to Mr. M. H. Curtis.

Mahatma's Message To "The Times"

New Delhi, To-day.

It is understood that Mahatma Gandhi is meeting all the parliamentary members of the All India Congress Party in the Bombay Presidency to discuss the constitutional situation.

THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS PARTY, AT A MEETING ON APRIL 26, WILL DISCUSS A DEFINITE LINE OF ACTION IN THE PRESENT IMPASSE. — REUTER.

London, To-day.

The series of important efforts by Britain recently to placate the Indian Congress opposition, have failed to shake Mahatma Gandhi in the advice he had given to the Congress Party not to accept office in provinces where the Party has secured a majority.

This appears to be quite clear from a message from Gandhi from Wardha to the "Times."

NOT PERSUADED

The message refers directly or inferentially to the gestures contained in the speech by the Marquis of Zetland, Secretary for India, in the House of Lords, an editorial in the "Times" and a letter from Lord Lothian to the "Times," all elucidating constitutional implications and endeavouring to remove Indian misapprehensions.

Lord Zetland, in his speech on April 8, ruled out as impossible the suggestion that the governors would give assurances that they would not use their special powers, but indicated that the Viceroy would willingly explain the provincial positions further if approached by Gandhi or any other representative of the Congress Party.

Gandhi's message, received in London last night, rejects Lord Zetland's interpretation and says that refusal to submit his interpretation to examination by a legal tribunal will raise a strong presumption that the British Government does not intend to deal fairly by the majority, whose advanced programme they dislike.

"HONOURABLE DEADLOCK"

"I prefer an honourable deadlock to dishonourable daily scenes between Congressmen and the Governors, for in the sense the British Government mean, working of the Act by Congress seems impossible."

"It is therefore for the British Government to show Congress by every means open within their Constitution, that Congress can advance towards their goal even by taking office."

GANDHI'S FUNCTION

Having affirmed that he was not actuated by any question of false prestige, Gandhi says that "my function is that of mediator between Congress and the Government, which unlike many Congressmen, I believe to be capable of be-

Dr. Schuschnigg Visiting Il Duce

Vienna, To-day.

It was officially announced to-day that the Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, and the Foreign Minister, Dr. Guido Schmidt, will visit Italy on April 22 and will meet Signor Mussolini in Venice.—Reuter.

ing converted under moral pressure as of being coerced under physical pressure.—Reuter.

MEETING ON APRIL 26

Bombay, To-day.

The central executive of the Indian Congress Party has been convoked for April 26 to deal with the constitutional situation.

Before the conference, Mahatma Gandhi will consult with Party leaders at Hudri, near Bombay, probably during the course of this week.

Apparently Gandhi is endeavouring to discover a way out of the impasse but finds himself up against Pandit Nehru and other radical elements in the Party, who are firmly opposed to any compromise with the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

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For six years this man suffered with lumbago. After spending a small fortune on various treatments, he tried Kruschen Salts. Within three weeks he felt a new man. He expresses his gratitude in the following letter:—

"For six years I have been a martyr to lumbago and rheumatism. I have spent a small fortune on treatments and specifics, without avail. I was advised several times to try Kruschen Salts, but only recently did so. Now, after three weeks' treatment, I feel a new man, and walk with pleasure instead of pain. I sleep as I haven't slept for years, and am filled with a deep sense of gratitude to the chemists who have evolved such a boon to mankind."—R.T.

Lumbago, like gout and rheumatism, is caused by an excess of uric acid in the blood. If you could see how Kruschen dulls the sharp edges of those uric acid crystals, then dissolves them away altogether, you would agree that this scientific treatment must bring relief from lumbago.

NEW HOTEL FOR PEAK?

Mooted At Meeting Of Hotel Company

THE BUILDING OF A NEW HOTEL ON THE PEAK TO REPLACE THE ABANDONED PEAK HOTEL WAS MOOTED AT TO-DAY'S MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, AT WHICH MR. LAWRENCE KADOORIE PRESIDED.

MR. FRANK AUSTIN URGED CONSIDERATION OF THE SCHEME AND DR. F. KEW EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS WOULD BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANYTHING WAS EMBARKED UPON.

The Chairman said:—My task in submitting for your consideration the Accounts for the financial year 1936 is, I feel, undertaken in happier circumstances than those which existed for my colleagues who presided at Annual General Meetings of the Company held during the past few years, inasmuch as the results shewn appear to denote that the persistent decline in revenue, compelled by the adverse trading conditions then encountered to be successively reported, has at last been checked.

INCREASED PATRONAGE

During the period under survey your Hong Kong Establishments (with the exception of the Peak Hotel) have enjoyed patronage in all departments of a substantially increased volume over that experienced during the previous year. Acceleration of increase has been marked in respect of the revenue derived from the Restaurant and Cafe business conducted at the Hong Kong Hotel. Transient patronage also improved considerably—even during the Summer months—and thereby the ratio of occupancy applying to our Hotels in the Colony attained consistently a higher figure than that shewn for some years—"no accommodation vacant" returns having been received from resident Managements with gratifying frequency.

Towards the middle of the year your Board decided that the Peak Hotel, for many years a popular Residential Establishment, had passed its period of utility. The cost of upkeep due to the age of the structure had been mounting month by month until operation ceased to be an economic proposition. Accordingly, it was decided to close the Hotel on the 31st August last. The entire contents have since been removed and disposed of and the future of the property is still under consideration.

CUT RATES IN SHANGHAI

Our Shanghai Establishments maintained a satisfactory turnover during the year, but competitive conditions again necessitated operating at cut rates, and in consequence the contribution from the Hotels in the Northern Port to the General Working Account was again a meagre one.

The Hotel operated by our subsidiary Company in Peiping enjoyed excellent business during its last accounting period ended on the 30th June, 1936, and I am pleased to state that current returns shew still further improvement.

The improved conditions upon which I have commented permit me to direct your attention to an enlargement in amount of the item "Balance of Working Account", which is included in the Profit and Loss Account before you at a figure of \$588,287.43. This result is better by \$158,000 than the Working Account produced in respect of the previous year. The enhancement may be contemplated with a certain amount of satisfaction, but I would remind you that the result depicted does not yet conform to the standard which should be achieved in periods of normal trading.

DEPRECIATION

Ample provision for Depreciation has been made at rates endorsed by commercial practice on the residual values of the various Assets after the application thereto of the reorganisation measures, and amounts for the year to \$134,742.03.

In the document in your hands the Balance Sheet details appear much enlarged this year. To preserve continuity of record the provisions of the reorganisation scheme, which was passed by Shareholders on the 27th May, 1936, and approved by the Court on the 30th July last, have been particularised against the items effected.

Referring to the listed Liabilities, you will observe that the special Repairs and Renewals Account suffered depletion during the year to the extent of \$15,738.16. This sum was absorbed

in acquiring and fixing silencing apparatus for passenger lifts, meeting the cost of repairs due to such typhoon damage sustained in August last as was not covered by Insurance, and reconstructing and embellishing certain suites of rooms at the Peninsula Hotel and the Repulse Bay Hotel. The last mentioned expenditure has had the effect of placing the accommodation dealt with in the category of "de luxe." A demand for this type of accommodation had been detected, and its popularity since completion evidenced by tenancies, at very lucrative rates, thoroughly justifies our expenditure on it.

BANK OVERDRAFT

The Bank Overdraft figure at the 31st December, 1936, you will, I think, agree is negligible, and at \$10,398.25 denotes a reduction in our indebtedness under that heading during the year of \$279,000.

The net profit for the year amounted to \$220,064.39, which added to the balance brought forward from last year of \$339,261.11 (after the small reorganisation deduction) provides an amount of \$559,325.50 available for appropriation.

Your Board recommends that \$298,466.75 be utilised to pay a dividend of twenty-five cents per Share on 1,193,867 Shares, and that the balance then remaining—\$260,858.75—be carried forward to New Account. Your Directors appreciate that the carrying into effect of their recommendation involves utilising from the previous carry forward some \$78,000, being the amount by which the actual profit for the year falls short of the amount of the proposed dividend. They are of opinion, however, in view of the ascertained improved earnings for the greater part of the first quarter of this year coupled with a rapid accumulation of the cash resources of the Company now being experienced, that such a step could properly be taken having regard to the interests alike of the Company and of its Shareholders.

I now formally propose that the Report and Accounts, as presented be adopted, and that the balance of \$559,325.50 be appropriated as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 25 cents per Share on	
1,193,867 Shares	\$298,466.75
To carry forward to New Account	260,858.75
	\$559,325.50

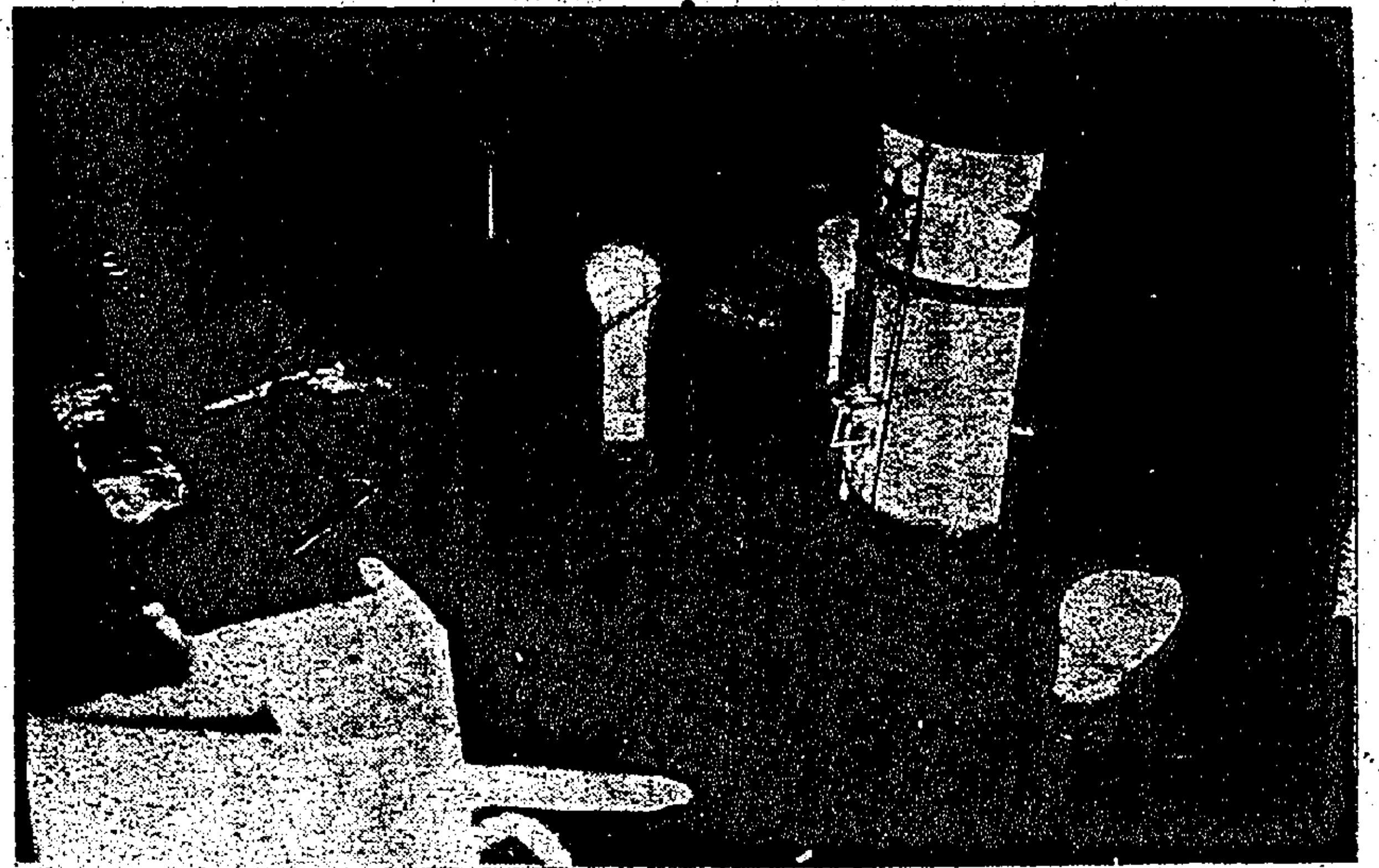
SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr. Frank Austin, seconding, said:—The turning point upwards from the long period of depression that we have been through, followed after the fixing of Exchange at about its present level by the Chinese Government, and similar action on the part of the Hong Kong Government. Lower Exchange is an attraction for Tourists, and induces them to spend more freely when visiting Hong Kong and China. From these conditions our Company directly benefits.

PEAK HOTEL

I trust the Directors will find it possible at an early date to build a Modern Establishment on the site of the old Peak Hotel as I am convinced that if proper economy is exercised in the building of a new Hotel on the Peak, it will prove to be a satisfactory investment. There is a strong demand by a certain proportion of residents in Hong Kong, who are not necessarily here for any great length of time, to be relieved of the worries and responsibilities of running their own establishment, and who would welcome a first-class Hotel on the Peak, provided the rates asked are reasonable.

The situation in Shanghai is still difficult, and it is probable that the contribution of our Shanghai Hotels will not be a substantial one until the existing old buildings are replaced



A striking picture of the Night Star after she had settled down last night following her collision with the Meridian Star. It was the first major accident to Star Ferry craft in the history of the Company. Fortunately, the boat did not make water rapidly and she was able to return to the wharf and disembark her 350 passengers safely before she sank. ("China Mail" photo).

with more modern and up-to-date ones.

At the Annual Meeting of our Company held on May 27th last year, the Reorganisation Scheme was fully discussed, and finally passed by Shareholders; as a result of which our shares were reduced from \$10.—to \$7.50 each. At a time when opinion regarding the advisability of the scheme was very divided, it fell to my lot to advocate the proposed reduction; and, among other things, I then stated that:—

"the Reconstruction proposed, given only fair trading conditions in the near future, should bring the time nearer when the Company, we hope, may be placed again upon a Dividend-paying basis."

After going carefully into the proposed scheme, those were my considered opinions, but I confess I did not expect that a dividend, however small, would be forthcoming in less than a year's time.

SHAREHOLDER'S COMMENT

Dr. Fred Kew: "With reference to Mr. Austin's suggestion that a new hotel be built on the Peak, I feel that before the directors decide on anything,

the matter should be referred to shareholders."

Chairman: "Mr. Kew, the directors have powers under the Articles to deal with this and other matters and if you are suggesting that these powers be relinquished, I have to state that it cannot be done."

Mr. J. P. Braga said that there were two points of view and much to be said for either side. He concluded with an expression of confidence in the Board and stated that although the matter could be safely left to their discretion, he was sure that they would welcome any suggestions from shareholders that might guide them.

Mr. Kadoorie then assured those present that the Board would give the matter every attention and consideration.

The adoption of the report and account was then put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

Confirmation of Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie as a director and the reelection of Mr. J. Scott Harston were passed unanimously and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors.

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TRIMMINGS

Braid is trimming news. Two rows on the bottom of your gored skirt. Or down the side seams. Two more outlining collar and revers on a jacket.

Consider blouses. They are full of spring suggestions. They are crisp and coloured like the spectrum.

All materials are possible. . . . tie silk, chiffon, organdie, sheer linen, shirting.

Blouses can be anybody's asset and the styles are all so enchanting that choice of a reasonable number becomes a problem. Three of them and last season's suit takes on a new lease of life.

If you want to do something utterly fresh and brisk, sew half a dozen single pique bows down the

front of your navy or black frock and wear it with a pique-bonnet.

If bonnets don't suit you, a Breton sailor with some more bows.

Go Pierrette with ruffles at neck and wrists. There is a gardenia freshness about organdie which no amount of laundering can spoil.

Adventurous or very young persons can sew a 1/2 in. organdie frill inside their skirt hems and step out.

BACK-OF-THE-HEAD HATS

Invest in one of the new back-of-the-head hats. They are charming and not expensive. Furthermore they are best worn while complexioners are yet in the pale-face stage. Meeker heads may prefer the tilted turban tied across the back curls with inch-wide ribbon. Or a wide Madame Bovary mushroom in shiny black straw.

SKIRTS ARE UP AND UP

You may decide to carry on for another month with a few new accessories. Stockings, gloves, shoes, a slick umbrella.

Skirts are on the up and up; so all kinds of things are happening to stockings. They have clocks and contrasting heels. Stockings borrow their new colours from the shadows on copper. Copper stockings, gloves and handbag are excellent with black. White gloves thonged with black are fun, and there are handbags to match.

A NEW ALLIANCE

The organdies and the broderie anglaise frocks are in bloom, but these evenings are sometimes chill. Put a new brocade coat over your lace frock and you will wonder why this alliance has not been thought of before.

A jacket of spangled net in black or white will make a plain black dress preen with pride.

Make a vivid length of striped Roman silk into a tailored evening shirt and wear it with a floor-length skirt.

The a skirt of tulle, quite cheap tulle, round the waist of your taffeta with a sash of cherry velvet.

Crisp Taffeta



Circles of green cellophane trim the skirt and full, long peplum of this black net evening gown, worn by Jean Mair, featured screen actress. Crisp black taffeta is used for the foundation while a ruching of black net sets across the left shoulder.

"I Dislike Men Who. . ."

Jovially pat me on the shoulder and call me "old girl," "old sport" and "old what-not."

Use a lot of brilliantine. . . . Are badly shaved. . . . Think that their smart car makes them irresistible. . . .

Ask me to dance when they're not even able to walk round the ballroom in proper rhythm. . . .

And on top of that start the conversation with, "Isn't it hot in here?"

Say "It's quite all right, my dear"—even if I'm forty-five minutes late. . . .

Have high-pitched voices. . . . Glance continuously at other women when having supper with me. . . .

Boast of their success with women. . . . Talk of wives who don't "under-

stand" them. . . . Or look tenderly into my eye whilst they explain how much their wives mean to them. . . .

Say, "I'll ring up on Monday," and then do so on Saturday. . . .

Mention prices of everything. . . . Peep at my paper in the underground train. . . .

Offer a seat to a nice-looking girl but don't to a weary-looking older woman. . . .

Can't do anything without asking mother. . . .

Tell dull or bad jokes. . . .

Make a fuss when they've got a slight cold. . . .

Don't take care of their fingernails. . . .

Don't take any notice of a charming new hat—or just say, "What's that funny thing you're wearing?" —E. F.

GILDING THE LIZARD

SOME of the smartest bags, belts and ornaments follow the fashionable "gold" craze.

Many of them are made of gold kid. Others, even more novel in appearance, are made of gold reptile skins.

Snake and lizard skins have a strange and exotic effect when they are gilded. They are, however, rather expensive, for real gold is used in their manufacture. All the scales are overlaid with a very fine coating of gold, and as their natural formation is left unobscured by the process, the effect is very striking.

Kid and reptile skins are also being dyed in lovely colourings. We have been used to seeing dark colours such as olive green, navy blue, and tones of brown, used for skin shoes. But now we have brighter and richer colours, such as cornelian and cardinal red, violet, and vivid blue snake-skin, made into belts and bags.

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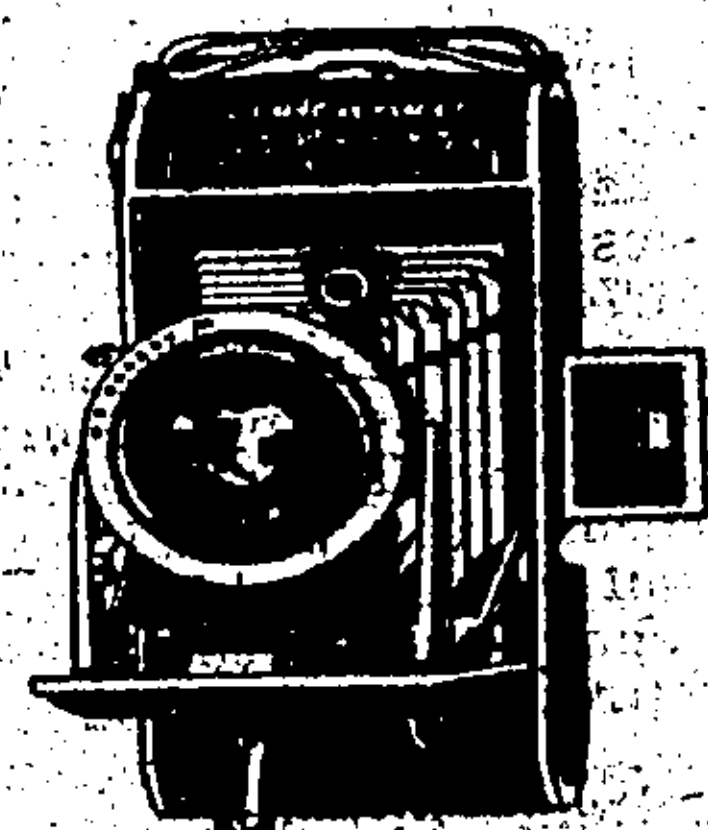
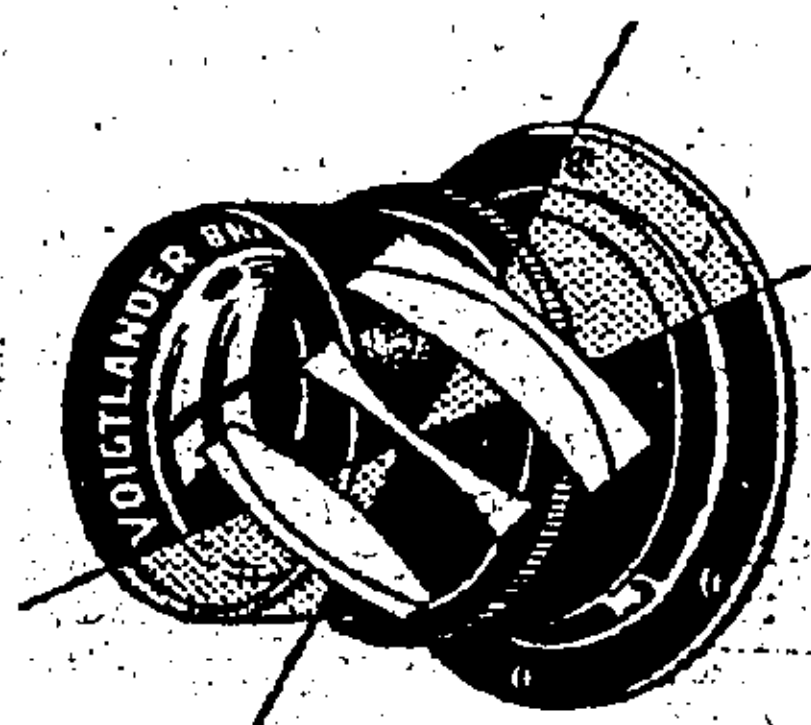
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BRITAIN'S SURRENDER TO BLOCKADE CONDEMNED

Heated Debate In Parliament

INTENTION TO DEFEND SHIPS REITERATED

Out of a welter of attack and counter-attack in the House of Commons, which experienced one of its most stormy sessions yesterday, emerged the fact that the British Navy will protect British vessels if they are attacked by General Franco's warships.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE HOME SECRETARY IN THE COURSE OF A HEATED DEBATE ON THE SITUATION AT BILBAO FOLLOWING A LABOUR VOTE OF CENSURE, MOVED BY MAJOR CLEMENT ATTLEE.

TEMPERS WERE AROUSED DURING THE DEBATE, AND SIR JOHN SIMON'S REPLY FOR THE GOVERNMENT WAS BROKEN BY ANGRY INTERRUPTIONS FROM THE LABOUR BENCHES.

The Labour motion, referring to the Premier's statement on Monday, "deplores the failure of the Government to give protection to British merchant ships on their lawful occasions."

Major Attlee claimed that the Government's action in warning shipping that they should not enter Bilbao was an acquiescence in a grave breach of International Law.

NO MINES

The Labour leader exhibited a cable from the President of the Basque Republic stating that neither the Basque nor General Franco's forces had laid any mines in the approaches to Bilbao.

During the first fortnight in April there had been 53 inward and outward sailings without molestation, and the batteries of Bilbao had kept the rebel fleet at a distance of fifteen miles from the shore.

AVOIDING COMPLICATIONS

Sir John Simon, replying for the Government, said the Government's policy was to avoid all complications which might prejudice good international relations, and strictly to refrain from all interference in the internal affairs of Spain.

As the Home Secretary proceeded he was almost continuously interrupted by derisive Labour comments and ironical cheers.

Sir John declared that H.M.S. Blanche reported on April 6 that there was a close blockade of Bilbao, and that serious incidents were likely to arise if merchant ships attempted to enter the port.

UPROAR IN HOUSE

A fresh uproar was caused by the Minister's comment that the British commander on the spot was a better authority than the Basque Government.

Another storm was witnessed when the Opposition demanded to hear the text of the Board of Trade's communication warning ships not to enter Bilbao.

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George, Sir John Simon emphasised that the British Navy would protect vessels if they were attacked by General Franco's warships.

The Labour vote of censure was defeated by 345 to 130.

MR. EDEN'S STATEMENT

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, recalled that Britain had not protested when the Spanish Government last August declared a blockade of the insurgent ports in Spanish Morocco, and emphasised that belligerent rights could not be granted to one side.

"Had we followed precedents and granted belligerent rights, then both sides would have been entitled to hold up British ships attempting to break the blockade even on the high seas," he declared.

Replying to an earlier question from Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal member for Caithness, whether a ship disregarding the warning would be protected if attacked before she reached the three-mile limit, Mr. Eden said the answer was definitely in the affirmative.

DAILY BOMBING

The Government, however, was bound to warn ships of the dangers of the Bilbao coast in view of which the Government could not guarantee the safety of ships in territorial waters of Bilbao.

Mr. Eden quoted a telegram from the British consul at Bilbao saying there had been daily bombing and much destruction in the last fortnight.

He also read a telegram from the ship-owners parliamentary committee saying they were satisfied that the Government was doing its utmost to protect the industry.

MINESWEEPING

The Foreign Secretary said that if it became necessary for the protection of British shipping to carry out mine-sweeping outside territorial waters, the Government would certainly consider it, but it was a most formidable task.

He emphasised that forcible action within territorial waters would amount to intervention.

Dealing with a plea by Mr. Winston Churchill for arbitration, Mr. Eden said that if ever Britain could make a contribution to bring the conflict to an end, that contribution would be eagerly made.—Reuter.

KEEN INTEREST

The presence of a number of foreign Ambassadors and Ministers in the Distinguished Strangers

Gallery marked the interest aroused by the Commons debate on the Labour motion of censure.

In moving the censure motion, Mr. Attlee said the Opposition regarded the Government's action in warning British ships against entering the port of Bilbao as a surrender of rights which had always been maintained for British shipping and a surrender made in the face of a grave breach of international law.

The Spanish insurgents had no belligerent rights and no right to blockade Spanish ports. The prevention of British ships trading with Spain was no part of non-intervention policy so long as they carried neither munitions nor volunteers. The issue, therefore, was simple. British ships, on their lawful occasions, had been turned back by rebels. What was to be done?

THE WHITE FLAG

The Cabinet came to a decision. The Prime Minister made a firm declaration against interference with British shipping—the White Ensign is hoisted.

Then it is run down and the white flag is run up—British ships were, to all intents and purposes, told they must not go to Bilbao. Yet there was no question this time of starting a world war or of great trouble with a great foreign power. The threat to which the Government had surrendered came from rebels whose land forces were on land and who had no great naval strength.

Mr. Attlee asked for detailed information of the evidence upon which the Government had reached their decision and the sources from which it came. He declared that General Franco, who was failing generally, was dependent for a local success upon starving women and children and the British Government acquiesced! The Government had no right to put upon British sailors such humiliation.

A Liberal speaker, Sir Archibald Sinclair, argued that Government action in discouraging British food ships from entering Basque ports was an intervention in the civil war and not, as Sir John Simon claimed, part of the non-intervention policy.

MR. CHURCHILL

Mr. Winston Churchill, who said he was partisan of neither side in Spain, urged that it would be madness to break the blockade which the insurgents had established and, according to British naval officers effectively established, if Great Britain was to retain that poise in relation to the Spanish civil war which was so useful for the prevention of its spreading into Europe. Mr. Churchill ended with a suggestion for the cooperation of the five Powers whose navies were joining in the control scheme in proposing some solution of the Spanish civil war. He hoped that such cooperation in the case of Spain might lead to a lessening of the tension in Europe generally.

PRIMARY DUTY

Sir John Simon said that when the report was received H.M.S. Blanche was instructed to inform any British merchant ship bound for Bilbao of the state of affairs and to advise it most strongly not

NAVAL BATTLE IN BISCAY?

Hendaye, To-day.

Prospects of a naval battle in the Bay of Biscay have been heightened by news that certain units of the reconstituted Spanish Government fleet are heading for these waters.

In Salamanca, insurgent headquarters continue to make claims of huge successes.

They now allege that between 12,000 and 14,000 Government troops are estimated to have been killed on the Cordoba front in the past four days.

According to prisoners taken west of Madrid, the Government forces on this front are composed entirely of picked foreigners commanded by Frenchmen and Russians.—Reuter.

EL PARDO FIGHTING

Salamanca, To-day.

Further attacks were made by the International Brigade defending Madrid on the rebel lines in the El Pardo sector and the French Bridge across the Manzanares River yesterday, says a communique from rebel headquarters.

On the Guadalajara front, insurgent artillery carried out a strong bombardment of the Republican lines.

The communique adds that the period from July 17 last year to July 17 this year has been proclaimed the "first victorious year of the Nationalist Government."

In Paris it is reported that Spanish nationals living in French Morocco have been warned by the Republican Consulate to report for military service.—Trans-Ocean.

to attempt to enter the port. Later the Government decided to inform British ships that it desired them not to enter Bilbao on account of the dangerous situation there. The action, he claimed, was on all fours with that taken last Autumn.

Of course, the Home Secretary added, the British navy could force its way into any port in Spain. It could sweep passage clear of mines. But that action would not be consistent with the policy of non-intervention to which it was their primary duty to be faithful. General Franco had been told expressly that the British Government could not recognise belligerent rights and that the warning given to British ships would not be considered to have absolved him from responsibility for any damage to a British ship which disregarded the warning.

Sir John reminded the House that the British Navy had for months discharged a great humanitarian work off the coasts of Spain. They had carried 17,000 innocent people to safety. But within the last two months, on the advice of the Admiralty, it had been thought unsafe, because of the danger from mines, for British warships to enter ports on Basque coast and the work had to be done, so far as possible, by ships which were not men of war. Sir John claimed, in conclusion, that he had justified the action of the Government to the House and to the country.—British Wireless.

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ARMS AND THE CHILD

The news that from henceforth instruction in military matters is to form an important part in the education of all children in the Soviet Union over the age of eight years serves as a reminder — if reminder be needed — of the extent to which war, and preparations for war, have encroached upon the lives of vast populations in the modern world. Where, not so very long ago, war was the concern of comparatively small armies of professional soldiers, it now enters into the consciousness of every man and woman in the community. Even children are not to be exempt from the prevailing madness.

Under the Russian law just promulgated, not only will children be given lessons in military science and strategy, but they will also be encouraged to play games of a military nature. But Russia is not alone in this militarisation of the young. For years Signor Mussolini has pursued a policy of subjecting young Italians to a rigid discipline which catches them up in the toils of a semi-military organisation at the incredibly early age of six years, and only releases them when they are too old to fight. A similar process has gone on in Germany ever since Hitler came to power. Nor is that the only — or even the major — evil. Not content with exercising a supreme control over the bodies of their citizens, the modern dictatorships have left no method untried of subduing their minds as well. Adult citizens are subjected to a continuous and all-pervasive propaganda that only the most critically-minded can resist; and overt opposition is ruthlessly crushed. In the schools, children, at the most impressionable stage in their lives are taught a falsified kind of history that exalts the national State and glorifies war at the expense of all the civilised virtues of tolerance and understanding.

What a curious, topsy-turvy world it is in which children, hardly out of the nursery, are instructed in the arts of killing; in which their harmless toys are exchanged for models of the instruments of war and their story-books for manuals on the use of machine-guns! Certainly, a civilisation which fosters such an outlook in the younger generation is nursing within itself the seeds of its own destruction.

Surely the only hope for a distracted world is the continued sanity of the great democracies.

A Dying Language?

It will be something of a shock to Gaelic-speaking Scots to learn that the University of Oslo is organising an expedition to Scotland to record the various dialects of Scottish Gaelic while there is yet time. Professor Marstrander and his assistants fear that the language is doomed and are determined that it shall not, like Manx and Cornish, pass without leaving full documentary proof of its existence. The Norwegians propose to spend three years on their work, making phonetic transcriptions and gramophone records and preparing the way for a dictionary of Gaelic. They will meet with hearty co-operation from all in Scotland who can help them, but their mission will cause some heart-searching among the Gaels. Unfortunately, on a long view, the apprehensions of the Norwegian linguists would seem to be justified. Gaelic is still spoken by some 130,000 of Scotland's population, mainly in Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, Inverness, and Argyll, and in many villages in those counties church services are held alternately in Gaelic and in English. But ten years earlier the number was 150,000, and to-day it makes a poor showing in Scotland's population of 4,500,000. In Wales and in Ireland the Celtic tongue is in no danger. Wales boasts 81 per cent. of Welsh speakers, and the Free State claims that 17 per cent. of its citizens talk Erse. Various cultural movements have lately aimed at reviving Scottish Gaelic, but without much success. With this warning from Norway they will doubtless redouble their efforts.

Dorset Place-Name

Dorset is a county richly sprinkled with quaint and attractive place-names, and the "Mappowder with Plush" (the united benefice to which the present holder of a curacy at Standish has just been appointed) provides a particularly pleasant example of them. In certain sporting quarters "to be on velvet" carries entirely agreeable associations; but to be on Plush (with Mappowder added) sounds as though it should represent the very essence of truly rural charm. Standish by comparison sounds almost erect and uncomfortable — the uncompromising North as against the more yielding South.

Mappowder is the more important of the pair, and even that could hardly be described as a congested area; it had a population of 168 in 1901, but twenty years later it had dropped to 157. According to the unromantic census return poor old (but undoubtedly picturesque) Plush has no population at all of its very own; it is certified to be just a "locality," and its residents are apparently lumped in with those of Cerne Abbas, where the "Cerne Giant," staff in hand, strides over the chalk downs into which his 180-foot figure was cut, some say by monks and some say by ancient Britons. Cerne Abbas is the nearest place that is generally known; both Mappowder and Plush may be regarded as its satellites.

Henry Harris has bad news . .

They will tell you they're in love. But it's just desire — or self-conceit. They are love-cripples, says a Psychologist in this article.

1 IN 5 CAN'T FALL IN LOVE!

NOT all that flutters in the heart is Love. I've known men and women who fancied themselves deeply, crazily, in love. Like the great lovers in history and literature. Like Romeo and Juliet. Abelard and Heloise.

But in the bottom of their hearts there was anything but love. Self-conceit maybe. Physical infatuation perhaps. A momentary delusion. But not Love.

Too many men and women in this stressful haphazardly civilised world cannot fall in love. They are love cripples. At least one in five, I should say.

They may have read books on sex. They may know how to "make" love. As if love could be "made." They may even have a useful line in seductive charm. In the art of fooling the other sex. Seeming what they are not. "Selling" what they have not got.

But they are completely unable to fall in love.

You think that I exaggerate. Well, have a look at some of the people who think themselves in love.

John and Mary have fallen in love on the decks of a luxury cruiser. They do not realise that men and women, idling at sea under a balmy subtropical sky, will feel and do the most amazing things.

They marry, knowing nothing of each other. In three months she flies to her mother. He hopes she will stay there.

Infatuation is delightful, delicious. Delirious and devastating. Gloriously intoxicating. You are young—whatever your age—so long as you can experience it. But you

are foolish if you take it for more than it's worth; if you mistake it for love.

It comes from intense and healthy physical desire. It makes you over-value the object of your desires. You judge by the intensity of your desires and not by the merits of your beloved.

Love is more than that. Desire is the sap of the tree—Love is the blossom.

Desire may be blind, but love is certainly not. It is the very antithesis of blindness.

It is the desire and the ability to see someone as he is. To understand him as he is. To help him as he is.

Marriage may be a lottery if it is founded on Desire, but not if it is founded on Love.

Flattery sweeps Joan off her feet. She imagines she is in love with a man. Actually, she is in love with the reflection of herself mirrored in his eyes. When that reflection dies, what she calls love dies with it.

That is Vanity, not Love. Self-love if you like.

If she is not made aware of this she will crave more and more a diet of continuous adoration and flattery. And that sort of diet fattens the Divorce Lists.

Margaret has got her idea of Love from books. Of the wrong sort.

They tell her that Love is Romance. And Romance consists of being adored from a high pedestal.

Naturally, she falls in love—not with a man—but with the idea of being loved. Romantically. According to the fairy tales.

But as the idea bears no relation to real life, she is doomed to a rude awakening.

Ivan is not very successful with his job. He falls in love at first sight with a girl in the street. He woos her ardently, marries her within three weeks, deserts her within three months.

Ivan's later history is sad. He grows a Christlike beard, announces he has a mission to reform the world, is not accepted at his own valuation, and within a year is asylum-bound.

Now that is a gruesome and extreme example of something that happens daily. Ivan felt inferior. Wanted to show he was a real man. To assert his virility.

Love would do that! Marriage would do that! So he thought. But what he called Love was Self-love.

The beard was another despairing attempt to assert his manhood. But even that failed.

Every day men and women pitchfork themselves into love and marriage because they have a profound sense of inferiority. Because they feel the need to impress the world by possessing and dominating someone who is much admired by others. These are the people who become possessive, jealous, inconsiderate. Naturally.

At rock bottom they cannot love and they are unsure of themselves. But they are mightily concerned about their own opinion of themselves.

Phyllis has had many lovers and now she is on divorcing terms with her third husband. A beautiful and successful professional woman, she has had to struggle hard to compete with men in their own field before she could achieve what success she did.

Only in love could she vanquish men easily. And so she had many love affairs.

She will tell you she has been a martyr to Love.

The truth is she has been a martyr to her vanity, to her sense of inferiority where men are concerned, to the vicious circle of trying to get her own back on the whole masculine sex.

All these men and women will tell you they were in love. Doubt them if you dare.

But what do you think? What then is Love?

"Let's use common sense—along with a little psychology—to get our bearings.

Love is the ability and the desire to understand and identify ourselves with someone else. To see with their eyes, hear with their ears, feel with their heart.

To make demands as well as to fulfil them. To feel neither unworthy nor too worthy.

You can love deeply without feeling that your beloved is great in intellect, outstanding in beauty, surpassing in charm, of unusual strength of character.

Admiration is not necessary. Only sympathy. And an understanding that grows.

Love grows with experiences shared.

That is why the capacity for Love—if it is there—grows with age. If it is not there, growing old reveals the emptiness.

That is where Love has it over Desire. Love can grow—Desire cannot.

Ask yourself this. Are you really capable of loving? Or are you just fond of yourself?

STRIKE INFECTION SPREADS

BUILDING STRIKE IN DUBLIN

Dublin, To-day. A general building strike by 10,000 men was begun yesterday morning when brick-layers, masons and workers connected with the building trade, downed tools.

The strikers are demanding higher wages and shorter hours.

The building trade in Cork was also paralysed by a sympathetic strike by 1,300 workers.—Reuter.

BUS CONDUCTORS IN KENT

London, To-day. A lightning unofficial strike of bus conductors and drivers began yesterday morning in Kent in the towns of Tunbridge Wells, Folkestone and Maidstone.

The men's union met yesterday afternoon to discuss the situation.—Reuter.

SAUCE FOR THE GANDER

Oshawa (Ontario), To-day. The Mayor of Oshawa, Mr. Alex Hall, has telegraphed to Mr. Homer Martin, the American labour chief, demanding that a strike be called on Monday in United States motor

plants if the Canadian automobile dispute is not settled.

Otherwise, Mr. Hall threatens to call a mass meeting of employees of the Oshawa plant of General Motors and inform them they are being fooled and that the Union is not "playing the game" with them.—Reuter.

LINER CREW ON "SIT-DOWN"

New York, To-day. Two hundred and fifty passengers for Europe were delayed yesterday when the liner "President Roosevelt" failed to sail at noon owing to a sit-down strike by the crew.

The men refused to sign articles unless the Line rejected nine engine-room replacements to which the seamen objected because they alleged they had not supported the recent strike.—Reuter.

CRUISER WORKERS

St. Nazaire, To-day. Three hundred workmen on the new cruiser Georges Leygues have struck work for an increase in wages.—Reuter.

Great Britain has requested M. Avenol, Secretary-General of the League, to convene a special meeting of the Assembly for the admission of Egypt to the League.

Another R.A.F. Fatality

London, To-day. The number of fatal accidents in the Royal Air Force since January was increased to 21 yesterday when a fighter plane crashed in Hertfordshire.

The pilot was killed instantly. So far this year, 33 members of the R.A.F. have been killed in flying accidents.—Trans-Ocean.

CABINET RESIGNATION

Toronto, To-day. Mr. David Croll, the Ontario Minister of Labour, and Mr. Arthur Roebuck, the Attorney-General, have resigned from the Cabinet. The Provincial Premier, Mr. Mitchell Hepburn, demanded their resignations owing to differences over the attitude of the Administration to the General Motors strike at Oshawa.

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, stated yesterday that the Dominion Gov-

RUBBER STRIKE DEPORTATIONS

Questions In House Of Commons

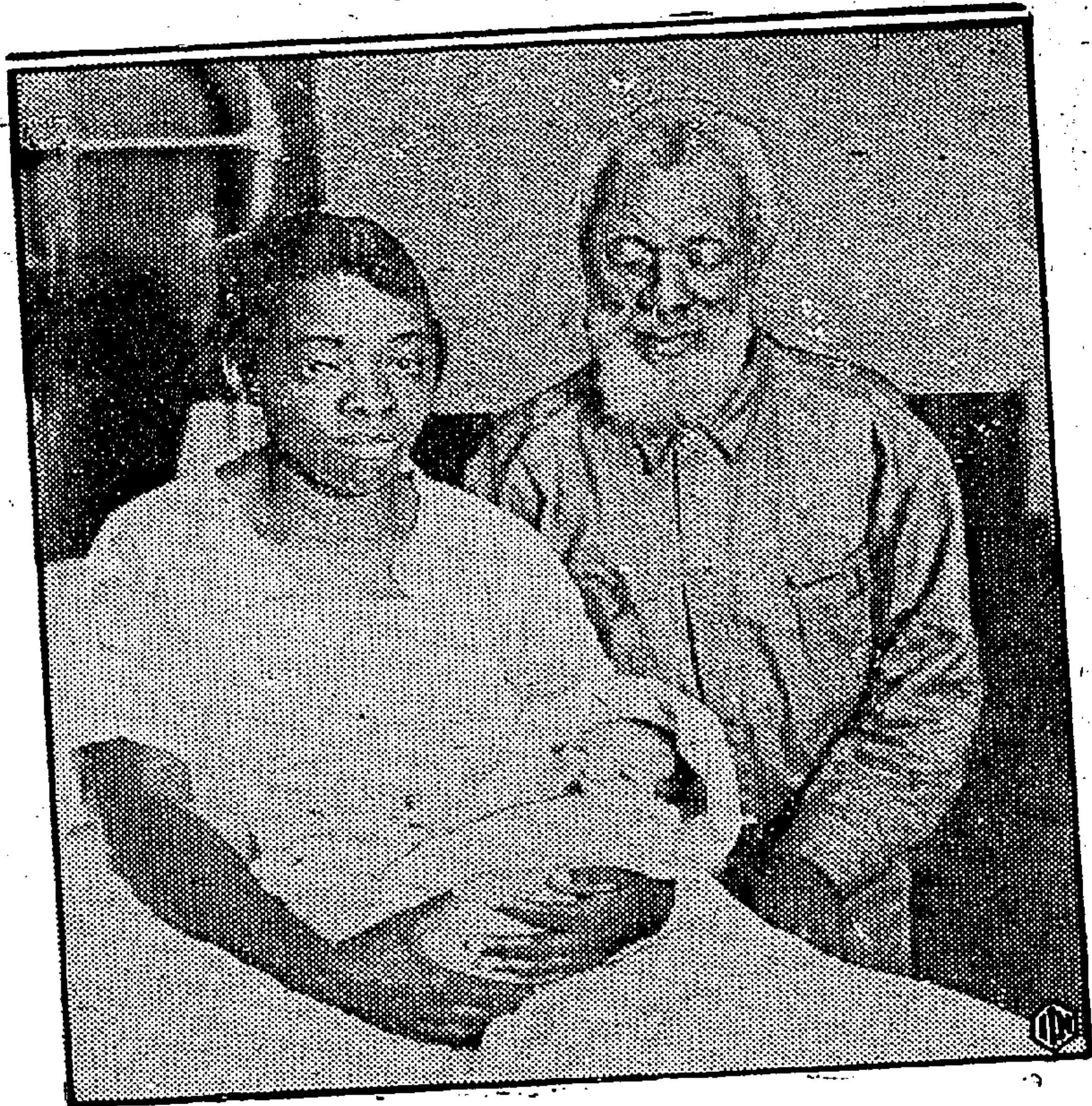
EXPULSION FOR VIOLENCE

London, To-day. An echo of the recent strike of tappers on rubber estates in Selangor and Negri Sembilan was heard in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. J. H. Parker, Labour Member for Romford, asked under what authority the organisers of the strike had been banished from Selangor.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary for the Colonies, replied that labour unions were legal in the Malay States.

He was not aware of any cases of expulsion simply in respect of the organisation of strikes, but some expulsions had been ordered where industrial disputes were misused for the purpose of incitement to violence and disorder.—Reuter.

ernment had no intention of intervening in the General Motors dispute unless there was reason to hope that such intervention would be of value.—Reuter.



Ambrose Hilliard Douglas, 92-year-old former slave living near Brooksville, Fla., became a father for the 38th time with the arrival of a baby daughter, Georgia. She is the 13th child of his second wife, Minnie, whom he married in 1918 at the age of 13, shortly after the death of his first wife who bore him 25 children.



These three children were included in the guard of honor at Salamanca, Spain, headquarters of the rebel Gen. Francisco Franco's government, when Gen. Faupel, Hitler's envoy to the insurgents, presented his credentials. All under ten, the children carried miniature rifles with fixed bayonets.

DR. SCHACHT EXPLAINS GERMANY EAGER FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The veil of mystery which has surrounded the visit to Brussels of the President of the German Reichsbank, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, was lifted yesterday when Dr. Schacht himself explained the objects of his mission.

DR. SCHACHT, WHO SPOKE TO A GATHERING OF NEWSPAPERMEN, STRONGLY DENIED THAT HIS VISIT WAS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH POLITICS.

Reorganisation of the economic relations between various peoples was his aim, he stated, and this was only possible and effective if it was preceded by a general political settlement.

In his opinion, said Dr. Schacht, no nation wanted to resort to war in order to bring about "European agreement."

GENERAL UNDERSTANDING

A general understanding as to what was desirable and necessary already existed—the only snag was the difference of opinion as to how this end was to be attained.

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SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Economic self-sufficiency, he stated, could never be an ideal condition. The ideal was rather exactly the opposite, the greatest possible mutual exchange of goods.

This was the subject of the economic examination now being carried out by the Belgian Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland, at the re-

quest of the British and French Governments, and Germany looked upon it with every sympathy.

Dr. Schacht concluded with a defence of Germany's rearmament programme, which he declared was absolutely essential to world peace.

He added that Belgium's policy of complete independence was of high importance in assuring the peace of Europe.—Trans-Ocean.

To Go To Paris?

Paris, To-day.

It is believed here that the Reichsbank President, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, who is now in Brussels, will come to Paris in order to codify a new Franco-German trade treaty, which it is hoped will be a result of the present commercial negotiations.

Commenting on the purpose of Dr. Schacht's visit to the Belgian capital, the newspapers suggest that Germany is seeking to obtain some of Belgium's colonial products.—Trans-Ocean.



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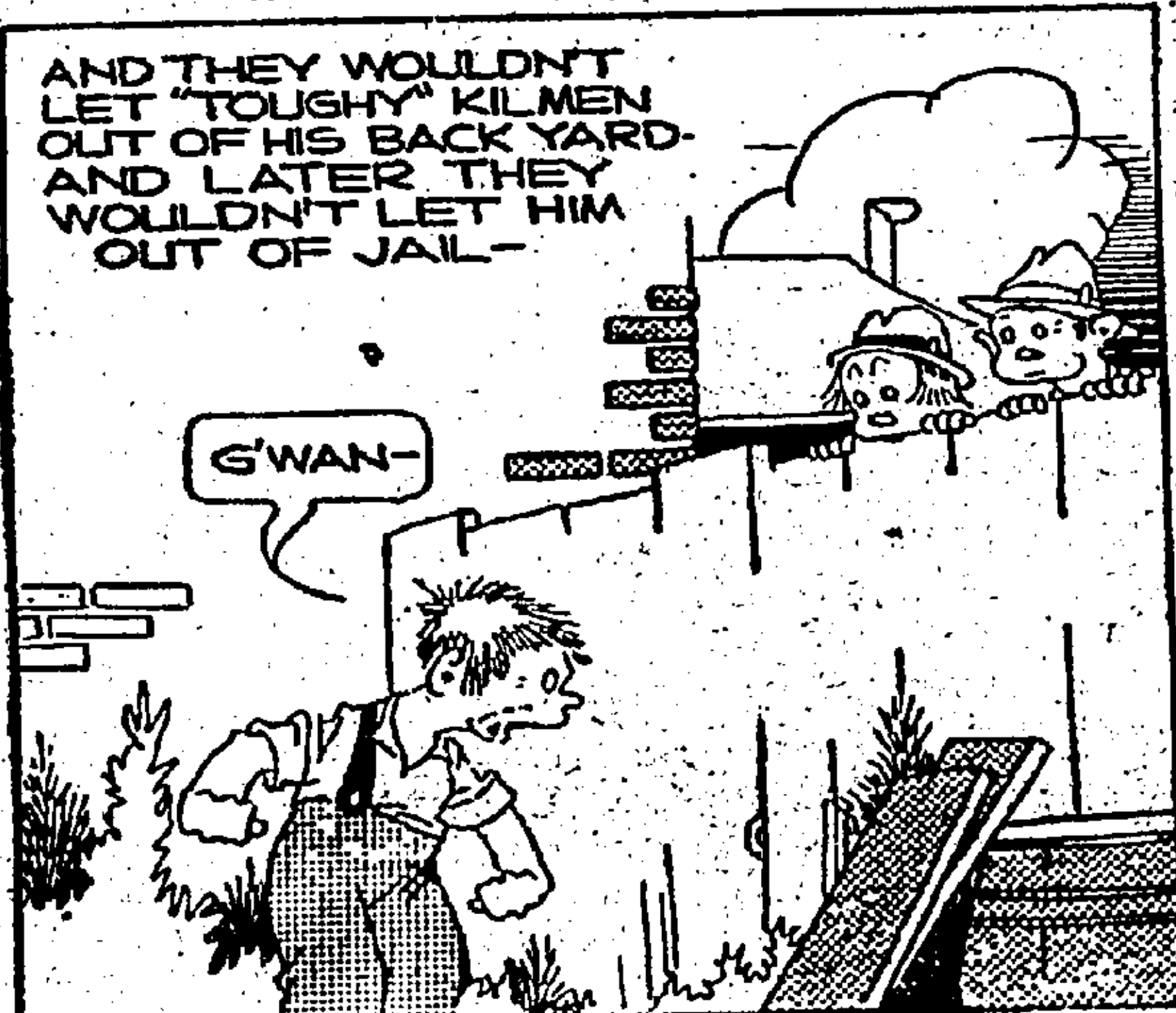
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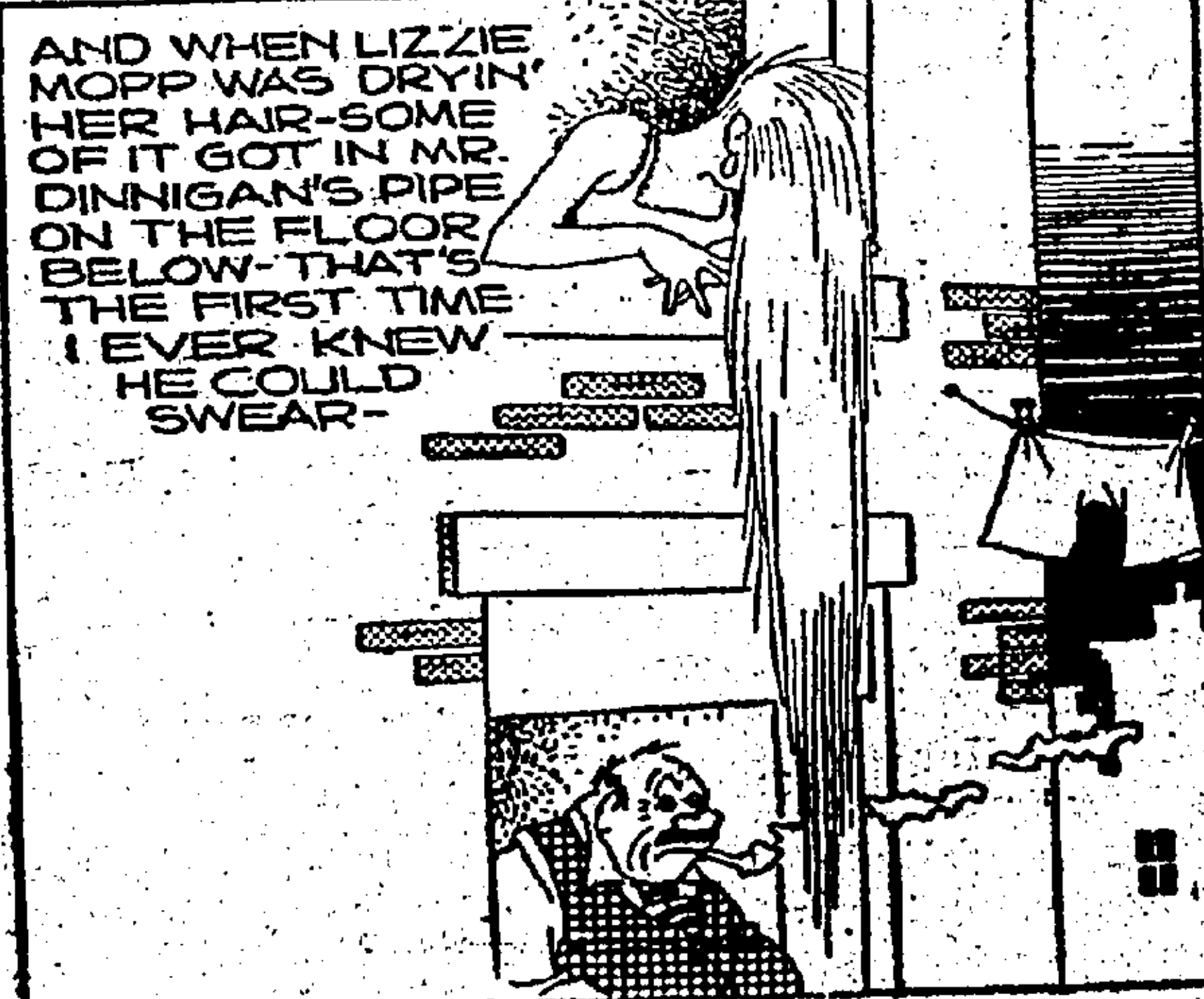
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PLAINS MISSION



is (left) appears real boyish with her close cropped hair. She is the women's cross country champion of France. She is Mlle. Trente, runner-up, after winning the gruelling test run at St. Cloud.

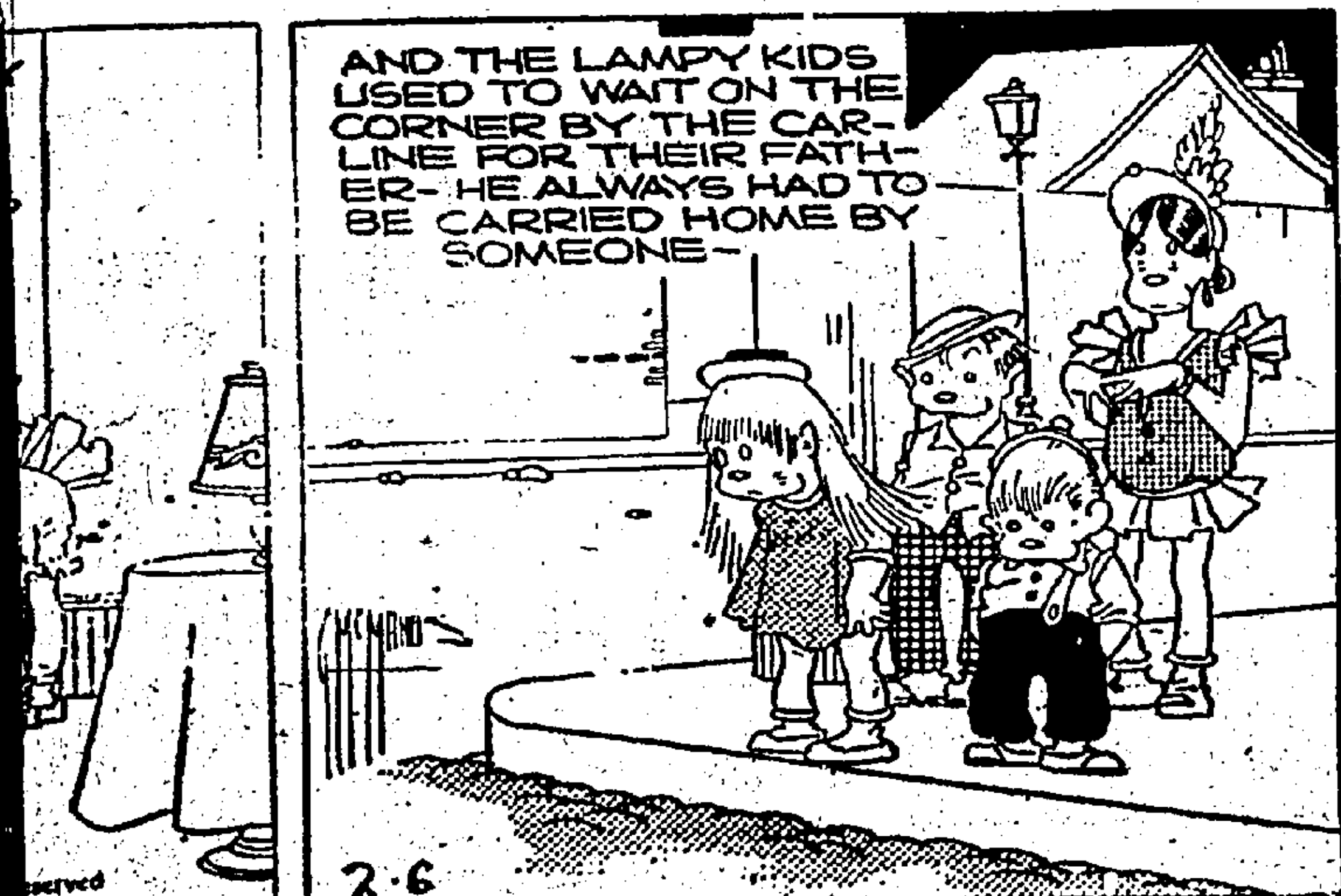


Mlle. Germaine Aussey, famous French film star, is shown as she arrived in America on the *Normandie*. It was her first trip to the United States. She is to make a film in Hollywood.



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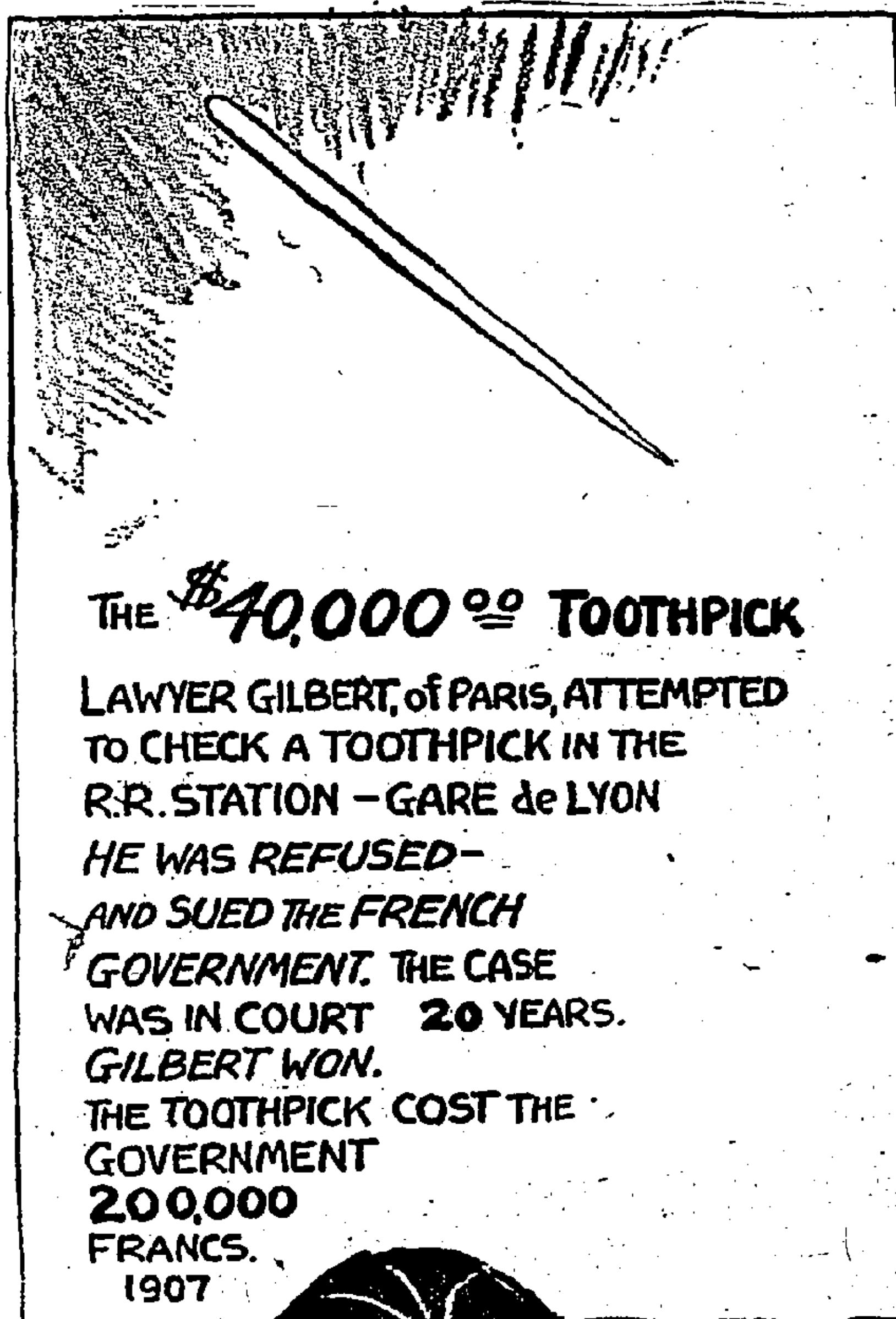
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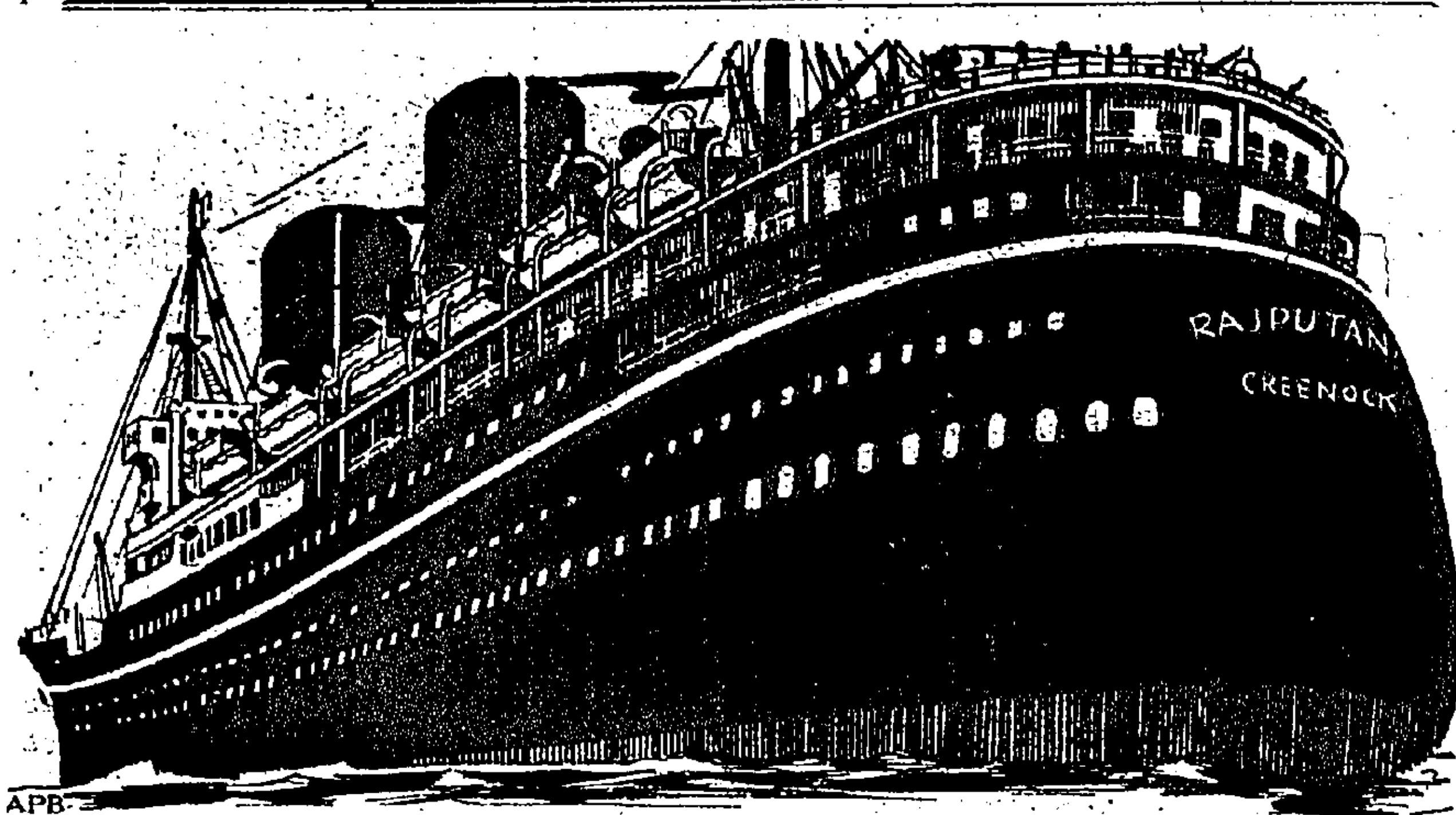


THE TURTLE THAT CAME BACK

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TILAWA	10,000	15th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
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Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kingyuan	April 15.
Shanghai	Luchow	April 15.
Shanghai and Amoy	Nanchang	April 15.
Shanghai, Foochow and Swatow	Suiyang	April 15.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, London 30th March	Cathay	April 16.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	April 16.
Manila	General Sherman	April 16.
Saigon	Jean Laborde	April 16.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 27th March)	Pres. Jefferson	April 16.
Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	April 17.
Straits	Tokiwa Maru	April 17.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
Thursday		
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Ranpura	Thurs., Apr. 15, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Fukuken Maru	Thurs., Apr. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Friday		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., *Central and *South America, and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only) —due Vancouver B.C., 4th May and *Europe via Siberia.	Empress of Japan	Fri., Apr. 16.
Letters for "Imperial Airways direct Service"—due London 25th April ..	Parcels,	Thurs., Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Fri., Apr. 16, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters,	Fri., Apr. 16, 10 a.m.
	R.M.A. Dorado	Fri., Apr. 16.
	K.P.O. & G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Apr. 16, 8.30 a.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 16, 9.30 a.m.
	R.M.A. Dorado	Fri., Apr. 16.
	K.P.O. and G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Apr. 16, 8.30 a.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 16, 9.30 a.m.
	Changte	Fri., Apr. 16.
	Parcels,	Apr. 16, 9 a.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 16, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 16, 10.30 a.m.
	Kwangtung	Fri., Apr. 16, 1 p.m.
	Jean Laborde	Fri., Apr. 16, 1.30 p.m.
	Conte Rosso	Fri., Apr. 16.
	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
	Reg.,	Apr. 16, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 16, 2.30 p.m.
	General Sherman	Fri., Apr. 16.
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	Letters,	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.

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HEIAN MARU	Monday,	3rd May	
NEW YORK via Panama			
NOSHIRO MARU	Saturday,	1st May	
NAKO MARU	Thursday,	18th May	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.			
ATAGO MARU	Sunday,	25th Apr.	
HEIYO MARU	Thursday,	13th May	
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM			
HAKONE MARU	Saturday,	24th Apr.	
SUWA MARU	Saturday,	8th May	
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, and Marseilles.			
TOYOOKA MARU	Sunday,	16th May	
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports			
KITANO MARU	Wednesday,	24th April	
KAMO MARU	Saturday,	29th May	
BOMBAY			
MAYEBASHI MARU	Wednesday,	28th Apr.	
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Friday,	30th Apr.	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon			
TSUSHIMA MARU	Sunday,	25th April	
NAGATO MARU	Thursday,	6th May	
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA			
HAKOZAKI MARU	Friday,	23rd Apr.	
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	Rio De Janeiro Maru	Tues.,	18th May
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARRESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo	Manila Maru	Thurs.,	6th May
	Africa Maru	Tues.,	1st June
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.	Mantai Maru	Tues.,	20th Apr.
	London Maru	Tues.,	4th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon JAPAN via Takao and Keelung.	Hamburg Maru	Wed.,	21st Apr.
	Hague Maru	Sun.,	2nd May
JAPAN PORTS via Dairen	Bandoeng Maru	Sun.,	16th May
	Melbourne Maru	Thurs.,	22nd Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow and Amoy	Havana Maru	Thurs.,	22nd Apr.
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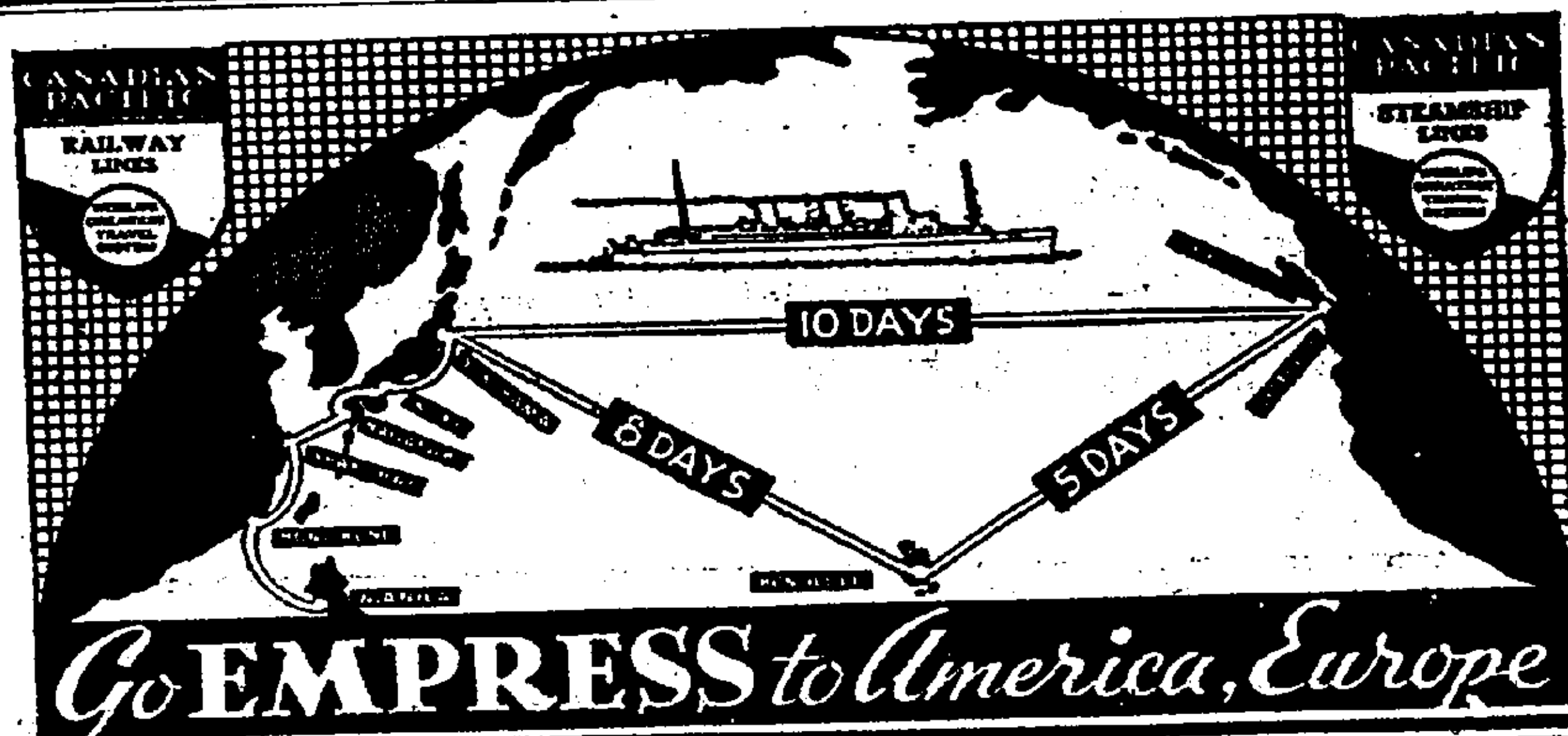
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Canada	July 9	July 11		July 14	July 16	July 23	July 28
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Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt has approved appointment of a joint Philippine and American committee to study economic relations between the two Governments preparatory to terminating preferential trade treatment.
—Reuter.

FREE MARKET IN SUGAR

DUTCH DRIVING HARD BARGAIN

CZECH CLAIMS

London, To-day.
Bargaining for shares in the free market continued at the International Sugar Conference when the negotiating committee yesterday discussed the claims of the French and Dutch.

It is understood the French pointed out that they are self-sufficient, wanting only a small export quota in the case of bumper crops.

The Dutch apparently are driving a very hard bargain, though details are not available.

Czecho-Slovakia is understood to have demanded over half the total European share of the free market, which it is thought has been tentatively fixed between 620,000 and 630,000 tons.

The feeling in conference circles continues to be mildly optimistic. No conclusion of the discussions is expected before next week.
—Reuter.

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China Lights (New) \$14½ s.
H. K. Electrics \$60 sa.
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Benguet Consol.	11½
Benguet Explor.	.08
Big Wedge	.18½
Coco Grove	.53
Consolidated Mines	.024
Demonstrations	.65
E. Mindanao	.21
Gumaus G'field	.12
Ipo Gold	.19
I. X. L.	.64
Itogons	.95
Masbate Consol.	.27
Min. Resources	.25
Northern Mining	.08
Paracale Gumaus	.48
Salacot Mining	.04
San Mauricio	1.55
Suyoc Consol.	1.34½
United Paracales	.56

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

	Buyers	
Spot	37½	Down 1½
May/June	38½	do 1½
July/Sept.	38½	do 1½
Oct./Dec.	38½	do 1½
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NEW PROTEST ABOUT CHINA

COMMONS QUERY

London, To-day.

A recent report gives ground for thinking that the situation as regards smuggling in North China is generally improving, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, told a questioner in the House of Commons yesterday.

He added, however, that he would consider whether there was any further action that could usefully be taken.

Mr. A. C. Moreing, Conservative Member for Preston, asked whether the British Ambassador in China had furnished a report on the arbitrary reduction of rents on property owned by British subjects in favour of Chinese tenants.

Mr. Eden said he had informed the sub-committee of the British Chamber of Commerce, with whom he had discussed the matter, that effective action seemed impossible until an instance occurred which could be made the subject of a test case.

Meanwhile, the question would doubtless figure in the international petition which was being presented to the Chinese Government. — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

London Silver Prices

The dollar opened on demand to-day at 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 20-15/16 and "forward," at 20-15/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.9065 and the New York on London cross-rate at 4.90%.

KWANGTUNG RICE CONTROVERSY

Nanking Waits For Special Report

Nanking, To-day.

Representatives of the Ministries of Finance and Industry held a joint meeting yesterday to consider the mandate for permission to import foreign rice into Kwangtung free of duty.

It was decided to postpone the issue of licences for this purpose until Mr. T. K. Ching, the vice-Minister of Industry, has been to Kwangtung to study the situation. Mr. Ching left Shanghai for Canton yesterday. — *Our Own Correspondence.*

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(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, March 24.

THE International Board have been nibbling at the laws again. This gives us something to talk about, though I doubt whether the revisions amount to very much. At first sight it seemed that the board had made momentous changes in the scrummage laws. In point of fact, all they have done is to alter slightly the relatively unimportant section (F.). This section now looks somewhat less like a proposition in Euclid, which is a comfort, but what precisely do the board's emendations mean?

SIMPLY THIS — THAT WHEREAS THE SCRUM-HALF USED TO BE ABLE TO ROLL THE BALL IN ALONG THE GROUND, HE MUST NOW PITCH IT IN SO THAT IT FIRST BOUNCES BEYOND ONE FOOT OF THE NEAREST PLAYER OF EACH FRONT ROW.

NOT VERY REVOLUTIONARY, I THINK. ALL THE OTHER SUB-SECTIONS OF LAW 15 REMAIN UNALTERED, INCLUDING (K), WITH ITS MATHEMATICAL COMPLEXITIES ABOUT THE FIRST THREE FEET OF THE FRONT ROW FORWARDS, AND ALL THE REST OF IT.

We are, in short, no nearer to the essential simplification of the scrummage laws, and the ball must still, in theory at least, pass the first three feet of the front row forwards of each team before it can be legally hooked.

Do not, therefore, run away with the notion that the ball is fair game as soon as it has passed the outside foot of a player of each team. The only man affected by the International Board's new ruling is the scrum-half. He will have to lob the ball in, accommodating himself to each individual referee's interpretation of the phrase "at a moderate speed."

We are thus left much where we were before. The onus is still largely on the referee, the confusions remain and the scrummage scramble will continue.

COMPLAINT ABOUT REFEREES

Here we must note an odd decision by the Board. "The members," we read, "expressed dissatisfaction with the refereeing in international matches, and decided to send a letter to each referee on the international panel informing him that it was his duty to referee international matches in full accordance with the laws of the game."

A sinister statement. What are we to infer from it? That referees contract out of the laws of the game? Or merely, that they are incompetent? It is hardly a compliment to the unfortunate referees, whichever way we look at it.

CANNOT BE INTERPRETED

Referees, I suggest, might reasonably counter-attack by expressing dissatisfaction with the International Board for framing laws which cannot be uniformly interpreted. Does anyone imagine that the men who are given charge of international matches wish to referee in anything but full accordance with the laws of the game? The suggestion is absurd. The laws themselves and those who frame the laws are to blame.

Another point. The Scottish members of the board might profitably reflect that it is unwise to put obstacles in the way of securing the best available referees. Why, for instance, was Mr. W. J. Faull not entrusted with the Calcutta Cup match? I doubt whether the Scot-

tish Rugby Union's reply to this question would be altogether convincing.

ON WRONG SIDE

Scotsmen complained after the match that there were far too many unpunished infringements of the scrummage laws, largely because the referee persisted in standing on the wrong side of the scrummage while the ball was being put in. Certainly the referee could see very little from where he stood, and that was unfortunate. Mr. Faull would not have made that mistake.

It has been suggested, though, that the English scrum-half put the ball in fast into the Scottish front row, so that it rebounded off Scottish shins into the English scrummage. This seems to me far-fetched and unjust to Gadney, who is essentially a fair-minded player. If he did put the ball into the Scottish scrummage, and sometimes he appeared to do so, it was for a very good reason.

GOOD WORK PENALISED

Last time Gadney played at Murrayfield the English pack was getting the first shove and moving forward as the ball came in. This meant that although Gadney put the ball in straight it seemed to be nearer the English hooker, and Gadney accordingly was penalised.

This was heart-breaking, as you may imagine. It caused the English selectors to think that the first shove was useless under the present laws, which explains why we have not had since then the compact, solid front row of the Gardner-Luddington era. In the old days H. Wheatley, excellent forward



Alfred Padgham, the British Open Golf champion, above, has not yet struck his best form and was recently outplayed in the Daily Mail's £2,000 professional Medal Play championship.

though he is, would never have been picked for the England front row. He packs too high, a fact which would have discounted all the grand work he did in the loose at Murrayfield.

Now the selectors have abandoned in disgust the principle that a front row must be able to shove under its opponents. Such shoving, they argue, merely incurs penalties, so why worry about it? And it was to avoid these penalties, since England were getting the first shove on Saturday, that Gadney tried to equal matters out by putting the ball away from the advancing English hooker.

SELECTORS' DILEMMA

This is all very paradoxical, and it shows to what a pretty pass the gradual evolution of the laws has brought us. Good scrummaging is penalised, and even England selectors are driven to abandoning sound principles by the unnecessary tangle of restrictive clauses.

You may think that I am making a mountain out of a molehill, but I fancy that Mr. John Daniell and Mr. F. D. Prentice would support these arguments fully.

Two other points about the board's deliberations. The emendation to the penalty-kick law, which means that the kick shall be taken on the spot where the offence occurs, with the offending side lining up 10 yards back, is obviously sound.

THAT DROPPED GOAL

Then there is the dropped goal. The board have not seen fit to reduce the value of the dropped goal to three points. This I think, is a mistake, though I know it is a highly controversial matter.

I shall be reminded that the dropped goal is a thing of beauty and frequently the result of combination. I shall be told that the original object of the game was to kick goals. And I shall remain unconvinced that a dropped goal is worth that totally illogical extra point.

Let it be equal to a try, by all means, but why, in the name of common sense, should it be worth any more? If it is the result of combination—and quite often it is purely an opportunist, individual effort—it demands no more combination than a try.

BRIAN MASSEY PASSING THROUGH COLONY

Former Colony Rugby Captain

Brian P. Massey, a former Colony Interport Rugby player and captain of the Club and Interport teams during the 1929-30 and 1930-31 seasons, is at present in the Colony en route to the North by the s.s. Ranpura.

Massey first played for the Colony in the 1928-29 season, and was one of the outstanding wing-forwards the Colony have had in recent years. He captained the Club first fifteen the following year, when the Colony lost to Shanghai in Shanghai by a goal (5 points) to nil and was again captain in the 1930-31 season when the Hong Kong team won by 21 points to 3 at Happy Valley.

Massey was forced to abandon the game in Hong Kong during the 1930-31 season owing to an injury, and soon after was transferred to the Singapore Office of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corps. He has officiated as a Rugby Referee in Singapore, and has constantly kept in touch with the game.

NO PLAY YESTERDAY ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN

Owing to the heavy rain, no play was possible yesterday in the Open Tennis Championships. If the weather clears up to-day, the tournament will be resumed.

TO-DAY'S TWO DOUBLES ENCOUNTERS

WONG AND LUK SHOULD WIN

The Stand Court match in the Colony tennis tournament at the Hong Kong C.C. this afternoon is between Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheong and P. F. Tsoi and Ng Kam-chuen.

Both pairs play an aggressive brand of tennis, and a very close game should result in a narrow win for Luk Ding-cheong and Wong Shiu-wing.

Wong Fuk-nam and Liu Kwai-fan should have a slight edge over W. N. Cheung and M. C. Hung, who appear to have been rather fortunate to have advanced as far as they have done. The former combination is expected to win in straight sets.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Open Doubles Championship

Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheong v P. F. Tsoi and Ng Kam-chuen (Stand Court).

W. N. Cheung and M. C. Hung v Wong Fuk-nam and Lui Kwai-fan.

Club Handicap Doubles

F. G. Nigel and R. M. M. King (+4.6) v A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis (+1.5) or E. H. Williams and L. R. Andrews (+3.6).

T. C. Monaghan and V. R. Gordon (-5.6) v G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane (-15.3).

Club Mixed Doubles

J. F. L. Smalley and Miss Smalley v W. Wooding and Miss Ward or J. C. Pool and Miss Allen.

RIFLES ASSUME LEADERSHIP

FUSILIERS LOSE IN
POOR DISPLAY

CAMPBELL AND KILLEN SHINE

The Rifles took the lead in the First Division yesterday when they beat the Fusiliers by 4 clear goals at Prince Edward Road under very poor playing conditions.

The Rifles forced the pace almost from the kick-off and after netting twice in the first 20 minutes enjoyed the majority of the ensuing exchanges.

An unfortunate series of injuries resulted in the Fusiliers fielding a greatly weakened team, Taylor, Roberts and Talbot being absentees. With the exception of the defence, the Fusiliers gave a poor display, there being a general lack of cohesion in an attack in which the most dangerous member was Coakley. The intermediate line was more often, than not, far too erratic, with the result that a clearance by the Rifles' backs found Moore and his henchmen with only Wheeler and Keating to evade.

Rowlands had more than his share of work, the first half finding him effecting several smart saves.

The conditions underfoot suited the Rifles and they made full use of their opportunities. Moore and Killen have rarely been so prominent while the fact that three of their four goals emanated from the work of the wings testified to the work of Ferguson and Erwin.

Campbell, who was making his last appearance in Colony football, gave a fine display. Pickering and Stevens were very effective, Connor being called upon to save on little more than four or five occasions in consequence.

A low centre from Ferguson gave Moore his first goal and he added the second from a similar effort by Erwin.

Killen scored the Rifles' third goal and Moore added the fourth again from a centre by Edwin.

Rifles:—Connor, Pickering, Stevens, McGonigal, Campbell, Miller, Erwin, Killen, Moore, Doherty, Ferguson.

Fusiliers:—Rowlands, Wheeler, Keating, (94) Evans, Wanklyn, Grindley, Williams, C. Coakley, Tatler, Sullivan, (34) Evans.



Jim Braddock, world's heavyweight boxing champion, dresses up in true woodsman style just to give the boys a glimpse of how he chops wood. He's shown at the National Sportsmen's show, at New York, but he'll soon be in the country training seriously for a bout in June with Joe Louis, for his title.

TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R. U. Rifles	23	16	3	4	58	21	35
S. China 'A'	23	14	5	4	57	22	33
S. China 'B'	23	12	5	6	52	34	29
Seaforth H.	22	12	4	6	46	38	28
R.W. Fusiliers	23	11	6	6	46	32	27
Royal Navy	25	11	4	10	52	46	26
St. Joseph's	23	11	3	9	40	33	25
Recreio	23	9	6	7	38	45	24
Eastern Ath.	23	8	4	11	40	49	20
Kowloon F.C.	24	8	4	12	29	49	20
H.K.F.C.	22	9	0	13	41	42	18
Athletic	24	6	6	12	27	44	18
K. Chinese	23	3	6	13	27	56	12
Police	23	1	5	17	21	60	7

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Royal Navy	25	22	2	1	126	26	46
R.W. Fusiliers	24	18	4	2	90	22	40
South China	25	13	6	6	67	37	32
R. Engineers	22	15	1	6	65	30	31
Seaforth H.	23	13	5	5	60	37	31
Lyemun	23	11	6	6	59	35	28
R. U. Rifles	22	12	3	7	57	38	27
C. Police	24	7	3	14	39	73	17
S'cutters	24	6	5	13	34	64	17
Athletic	24	7	2	15	30	63	16
Kowloon F.C.	22	6	3	13	36	55	15
H.K.F.C.	23	4	2	17	24	85	10
Eastern Ath.	23	3	4	16	31	99	10
K. Chinese	21	2	4	15	29	86	8

FUSILIERS TROUNCE CHINESE POLICE

Two Players Given "Marching Orders"

A very one-sided Second Division League Football encounter was witnessed at Prince Edward Road when the Fusiliers secured both points from the Chinese Police by 8 goals to 1 and practically assured themselves of the runners-up position in the League Table.

Bumster (2) Collins (2) Saunders, Parry, Gresty and a Chinese defender provided the eight goals, while Chang Kong-yue netted for the Police from a "spot-kick."

Two Chinese players were given "marching orders" in the second half.

MAMAK HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

C.B.A. And Radio Clash To-day

The first of the three deciding matches between the Central British Association and the Radio Sports Club, for the Mamak Hockey tournament Championship will be played off this afternoon, weather permitting, on the United Services Recreation Club ground, commencing at 5 p.m.



The teams will line up as follows:
C.B.A.:—J. J. King; S. McNider and V. Bond; R. Blyth, T. Whitley and E. Fowler; W. Hirst, S. Fowler, G. Fowler, B. Bickford and D. Smith.
Radio Sports Club:—C. Rocha; G. Clarke and Kalwant Singh; J. Singh, M. H. Hassan and M. Singh; Tilok Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Awtar Singh, J. A. Wall, and Karnail Singh.

LADIES' GOLF RESULTS FROM FANLING

In the L.G.U. Medal Competition held on Tuesday by the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling, Mrs. McGowan won the Silver Division on the Old Course with a card of 92-14=78. Other scores were Mrs. Garner 92-13=79; Mrs. Gilmore 92-12=80.

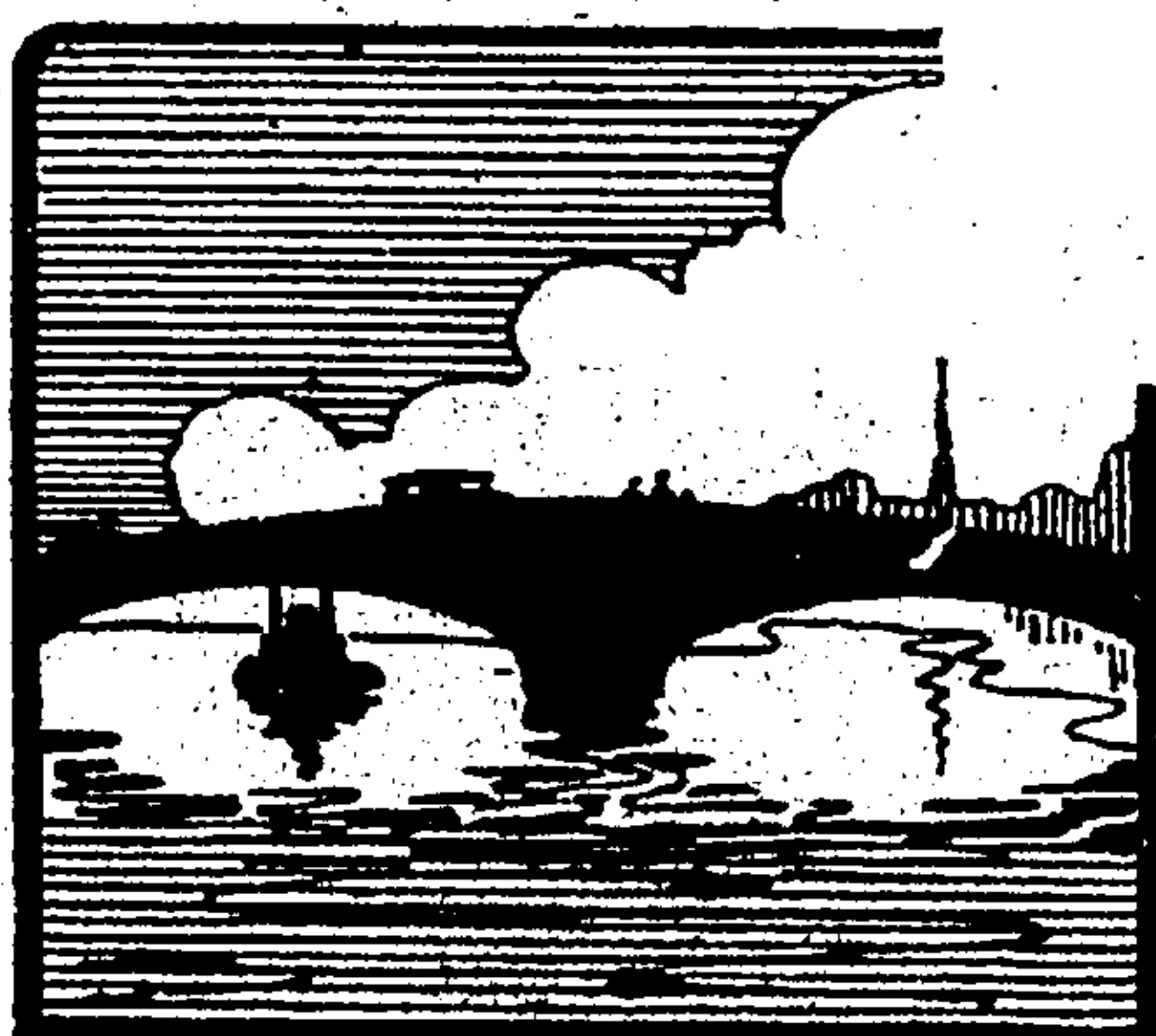
Mrs. Stewart, with a score of 108-34=74, was successful in the Bronze Division on the New Course. Other scores were Mrs. Young 107-31=76; Mrs. Armstrong 101-25=76.

SOCCER MATCH POSTPONED

The First Division League football game between the Seaforths and Recreio which should have been played at Sookunpoo yesterday, was postponed owing to the sodden state of the ground.

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BATH CANCEL FIXTURES WITH TORQUAY

The committee of the Bath R.F.C. have unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that, in view of what happened at Torquay on Saturday, future matches with Torquay be cancelled.

Bath won at Torquay on Saturday, and there was a demonstration afterwards against the referee. A letter was sent by the Torquay club apologising to the Bath club for the attitude of a section of the crowd, which, it was stated, was directed towards the referee and not towards the Bath team.

Davis Win World Snooker Title For 10th Time

London, March 22.

Joe Davis, of Chesterfield, won the world's professional championship for the 10th year in succession when he beat the Australian, Horace Lindrum, who was also runner-up last year, by 32 frames to 29, at Thurston's Hall, London, on Saturday.

Davis, who had been behind during the week, was three frames ahead when the last day's play start-

ed.

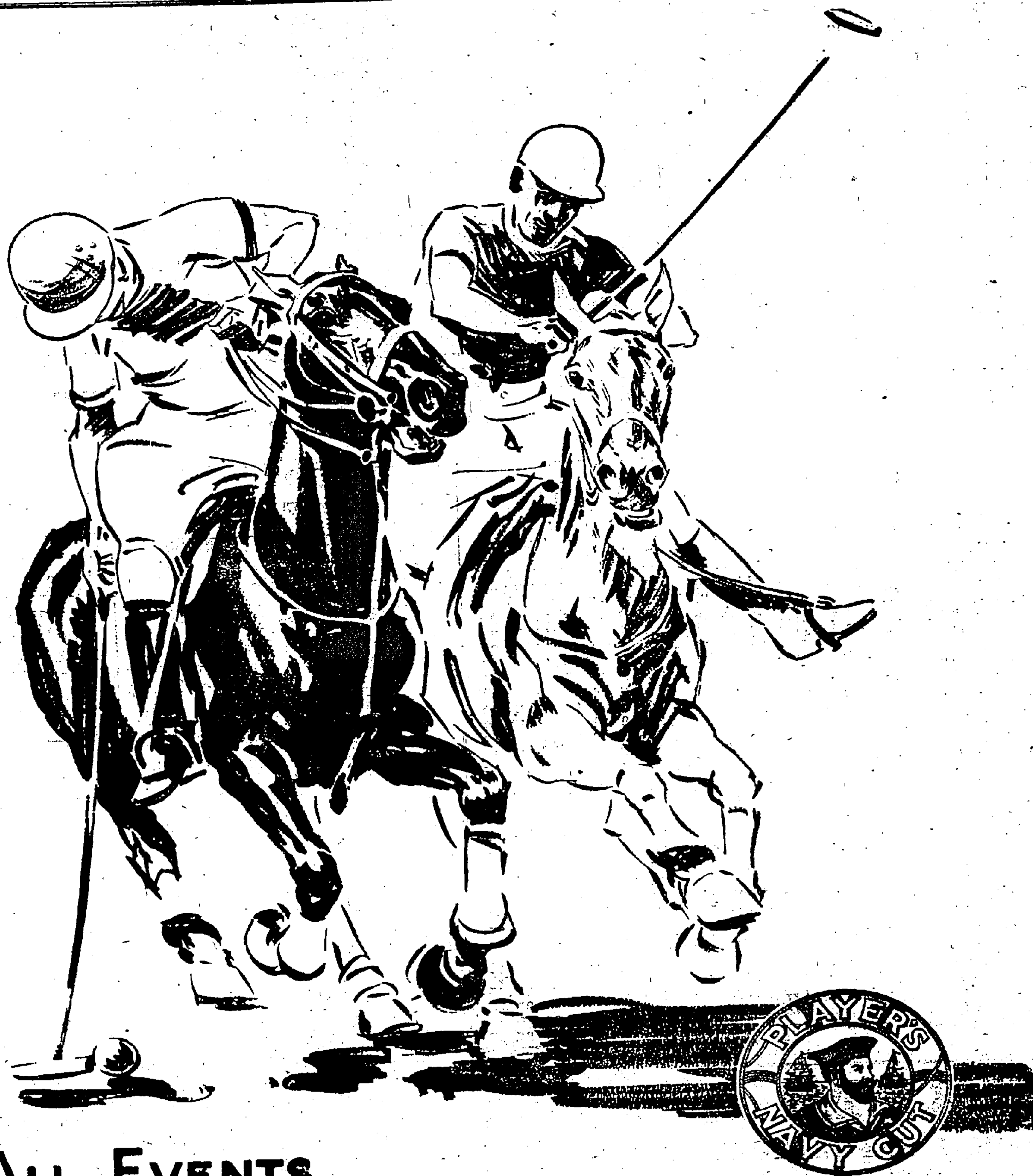
He won only two of the five frames played in the early session, and then lost the first two at night, to lead by one. The champion, however, took the next two frames for victory.

Scores (Davis first): 66-52, 44-73, 66-35, 25-78, 24-101, 27-61, 63-65, 63-42, 72-41, 38-83, 87-27.

ADDITION TO NEW ZEALAND TEAM

Wellington, March 24.—N. Gallichan, a Wellington left-hand slow bowler, has been added to the New Zealand team, which leaves on Saturday for England, immediately after the match between the M.C.C. and a New Zealand eleven.

This addition has been made on the recommendation of the manager, Mr. T. C. Lowry, and the captain, M. L. Page, who considered the original team short of slow bowlers. There are now 15 players to make the tour.



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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football League and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted, and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

First Division	HOME										AWAY									
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Pts	TL			
M'chester C. (9) DWwWw	39	20	15	1	4	52	19	34	19	5	6	8	36	37	18	52				
Arsenal (6) DddWl	39	19	9	1	9	39	20	27	20	8	6	6	37	31	22	49				
*Charlton (-) IWWIW	39	19	13	1	5	34	10	31	20	7	9	4	19	34	18	49				
M'dlesboro' (14) WddLw	39	19	14	0	5	48	17	33	20	5	12	3	23	34	13	46				
Derby (4) wDIDL	39	19	12	4	3	55	33	27	20	6	8	6	33	47	18	45				
Portsmouth (10) IDWIL	39	20	13	4	3	40	28	29	19	4	8	7	21	31	15	44				
Brentford (5) DIdLw	39	19	13	2	4	45	22	30	20	4	10	6	24	33	14	44				
Sunderland (1) IdWIL	39	19	16	2	1	49	19	37	20	2	14	4	23	52	8	42				
Chelsea (8) WdIdL	39	20	10	4	6	34	23	26	19	3	11	5	16	31	12	38				
Birmingham (12) IdWdD	39	19	8	5	6	33	21	22	20	4	8	8	26	33	16	38				
Grimsby (17) wLIW	39	20	12	5	3	56	30	27	19	3	12	4	20	46	10	37				
Huddersfield (3) ddWwl	39	19	11	4	4	37	12	26	20	1	11	8	13	43	10	36				
Stoke (4) WDIW	38	20	10	4	6	26	24	26	19	1	13	5	16	36	7	35				
Everton (16) dLDL	39	19	11	2	6	44	17	28	20	2	16	2	23	45	6	34				
Liverpool (19) LWIw	39	19	9	4	6	36	24	24	20	3	14	3	21	49	9	33				
W. Brom. (18) WwIII	38	18	9	3	6	36	11	24	21	2	15	4	21	51	8	32				
Bolton (13) WdIw	39	20	6	9	5	23	33	17	19	4	8	7	21	28	15	32				
Wolves (5) IDWw	38	19	13	3	3	53	23	29	19	4	11	4	20	42	12	31				
Preston (7) DIDWw	40	21	9	6	6	37	15	24	19	4	8	7	19	38	15	30				
Leeds (11) DIWdW	38	19	12	4	3	36	20	27	19	1	17	1	15	50	3	30				
Manchester U. (-) WIdD	39	19	7	3	9	26	32	23	20	2	16	2	19	44	6	29				
Wednesday (20) IdWLI	37	18	9	7	2	29	25	20	19	0	11	8	18	22	8	28				

Second Division

Second Division	HOME										AWAY									
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Pts	TL			
Blackpool (10) LWIdD	40	19	13	3	3	45	21	29	21	10	8	3	40	30	23	52				
Bury (14) WwIw	40	21	12	5	4	41	20	28	19	10	7	2	21	29	22	50				
Leicester (6) dDLwW	39	20	13	3	4	58	30	30	19	8	7	4	25	31	20	50				
Plymouth (7) LIdDd	39	19	13	2	4	37	23	28	20	6	7	7	28	28	19	47				
Sheffield U. (3) dWwIW	39	20	15	2	3	43	11	33	19	3	10	6	20	31	12	45				
Newcastle (8) DLwWw	40	21	10	8	3	44	23	23	19	10	7	6	33	25	20	44				
*A. Villa (-) LIdDl	39	19	10	5	4	45	24	24	20	7	7	6	33	25	20	44				
Fulham (9) dIdDl	39	19	10	5	4	33	25	24	19	4	10	5	19	30	13	42				
West Ham (5) WdIdD	39	20	12	3	5	43	15	29	19	4	8	6	21	22	14	41				
*Coventry (-) IdLWI	38	20	11	4	5	34	15	27	18	4	8	9	4	27	29	14	41			
Tottenham (5) WIdW	38	20	12	5	3	50	26	27	18	5	8	5	16	20	15	41				
*Blackburn (-) LIwW	39	21	11	6	4	50	28	26	18	5	8	5	16	20	15	41				
*Chesterfield (-) wWdLI	39	20	13	4	3	39	27	29	19	3	11	5	28	51	11	40				
Burnley (15) dWdLI	39	20	13	4	3	39	27	29	19	3	11	5	28	51	11	40				
*Barnsley (6) dWdW	39	20	11	3	6	32	28	28	19	3	13	3	17	31	9	37				
Norwich (11) DWIw	39	20	7	7	6	27	27	20	19	5	10	4	20	34	14	34				
S'mpton (17) HDWI	39	20	10	4	6	34	21	26	19	2	14	3	16	41	7	33				
Swansea (13) WIdLI	38	20	8	8	4	29	22	20	20	1	15	4	18	60	6	29				
Bradford C. (12) LIdLI	40	20	7	5	8	28	27	22	20	1	15	4	22	48	6	28				
Notts F. (10) IWDI	38	19	8	5	6	27	23	22	19	1	14	4	22	48	6	28				
Doncaster (15) IwIII	39	20	6	9	5	15	28	17	19	1	15	3	11	54	5	22				

Third Division South

Third Division South	HOME										AWAY									
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Pts	TL			
Notts C. (9) wWwIW	39	20	15	2	3	44	20	33	19	7	5	7	26	25	21	54				
Luton (2) wWwIdW	38	20	17	1	2	47	21	36	18	7	9	2	28	35	16	52				
Watford (15) IWDWw	39	20	15	2	3	44	14	33	19	5	8	6	28	34	16	49				
Brighton (7) wLIW	39	19	12	2	5	41	16	29	20	6	7	7	18	24	19	48				
Reading (3) WwWw	39	20	13	3	4	46	20	30	19	4	9	6	19	32	16	46				
Millwall (12) IwWw	39	18	11	5	2	31	20	24	21	7	7	7	29	36	21	45				
Southend (18) IdWdI	38	19	10	3	6	41	22	25	19	8	8	3	23	29	19	44				
Bournemouth (8) IdWwW	38	19	15	2	2	37	13	32	19	3	11	5	16	35	11	43				
Nor'ton (15) IdWwI	39	19	14	2	3	51	17	31	20	4	14	2	24	40	10	41				
Queen's Pk. (4) DLIL	38	18	12	2	4	31	18	28	20	4	13	3	45	16	11	39				
Gillingham (16) wLIIL	38	18	11	2	4	31	18	28	20	4	13	3	45	16	11	39				
Clapton (11) LIdL	38	19	9	3	7	25	18	25	19	3	16	1	18	50	7	35				
*Bristol R. (-) IwWwI	39	19	13	4	2	43	18	28	20	3	16	1	18	50	7	35				
Swindon (19) IdWdW	37	19	11	5	3	47	22	25	18	1	10	7	22	39	9	34				
Crystal (6) dLWd	39	20	10	3	7	41	23	25	19	1	13	5	13	35	7	34				
Bristol C. (13) WwLIW	38	19	13	5	1	36	25	27	19	2	15	2	15	46	6	33				
Torquay (10) dLWdL	39	21	9	10	2	43	34	20	18	3	10	5	11	31	11	31				
Newport (21) WwIwW	38	20	8	6	6	34	26	22	18	3	12	3	27	65	9	31				
Walsall (-) WdLdW	38	20	10	9	2	32	31	22	18	1	11	6	23	43	8	30				
Exeter (22) WDIW	39	20	7	8	5	27	38	19	19	2	12	5	17	40	9	28				
Cardiff (20) IdLIL	37	19	8	7	4	29	21	20	18	3	12	3	16	43	9	20				
Aldershot (11) WIdI	38	18	4	8	6	29	25	14	20	2	15	3	18	30	7	20				

Third Division North

Third Division North	HOME									AWAY								
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Lincoln (4) wWWwd	38	19	16	2	1	57	20	33	19	7	4	8	34	34	22			
Stockport (5) WdwDw	39	20	15	1	4	54	18	34	19	6	6	7	19	19	19			
Chester (2) IdWwI	40	21	16	1	4	60	19	36	19	6	10	3	18	35	15			
Oldham (7) wWWII	37	19	12	2	5	41	19	29	18	7	7	4	34	42	16			
*Hull (-) IdLDd	39	19	10	3	6	30	18	26	20	5	8	7	26	40	17			
*P. Vale (-) wIdId	39	20	12	4	4	36	21	27	19	5	10	4	18	38	14			
Hartlepool (8) lLWdD	39	19	14	4	1	36	20	29	20	3	11	6	21	49	12			
Mansfield (19) WIIWL	39	21	11	4	2	48	24	24	18	4	8	6	19	33	14			
Halifax (18) WWWWL	37	18	8	5	5	30	14	21	19	7	9	3	23	40	17			
Carlisle (13) WwIdD	37	18	11	3	4	43	15	26	19	5	12	2	25	35	12			
York (16) wDWId	37	18	10	5	3	41	24	23	19	4	9	6	23	50	14			
Wrexham (18) dWIIWw	37	19	11	5	3	43	15	25	21	4	10	7	31	34	15			
Accrington (9) dIIW	38	19	12	5	2	42	23	26	19	3	12	4	15	32	10			
Southport (21) LdIIW	40	21	10	5	6	37	38	26	19	3	13	3	29	49	9			
N. Brighton (22) wIIWI	38	19	9	3	7	30	22	25	19	3	13	3	19	45	9			
Rotherham (11) lIWWI	40	19	10	3	6	46	23	26	21	2	17	2	23	57	6			
Barrow (15) dWwII	38	19	9	6	4	46	20	24	19	2	13	4	23	53	11			
Crewe (6) DLWdL	39	19	7	6	6	26	26	20	20	3	12	5	30	53	11			
Tranmere (3) DIIDD	39	20	10	3	7	43	16	26	19	2	16	1	16	47	5			
Gateshead (14) HdLI	38	19	7	6	6	49	23	20	19	4	13	2	17	37	10			
Rochdale (20) LLIW	39	20	11	7	2	42	28	24	19	0	13	6	24	53	6			
Darlington (12) dLWd	38	19	6	6	7	38	42	19	19	2	11	6	24	37	10			



Rookie catcher Jim Sheehan (right) is taking the word of an expert for some of the finer points of the receiver's job as he absorbs some hints from Gus Mancuso, veteran Giant backstop, in the New York Giants' training camp at Havana, Cuba.

FREDDIE DIXON'S FREAK CAR FOR NEW RECORD SHAPED LIKE CIGAR: DREAM OF 375 M.P.H. OR MORE!

London, March 24.
A NEW aspirant for the world's land speed record has arisen. Freddie Dixon, the motor-racing driver, who has made small unsupercharged cars produce speeds far beyond their designers' hopes, is building a strange car of his own design, with which he dreams of 375 or even 400 miles an hour.

Dixon has recently removed from Middlesbrough to Reigate, Surrey, where he has set up workshops. The car he plans is revolutionary in almost every particular. It will, he says, be shaped like a dart or a hollow cigar. He will sit in the nose or point of it. "I am thinking of calling it 'The Dart,'" he said yesterday.

All four wheels will be driven. All road wheels will steer in response to the steering wheel. None of the wheels will carry brakes; these will act on the transmission.

The engine will be something entirely new. It will be a two-stroke, supercharged radial engine. It will have no crankshaft like an ordinary engine, the pistons are set radially about the centre and the drive is through an improved swash-plate.

Such is the efficiency of this engine, according to Dixon's calculations, that he will get 350 miles an hour from 700 h.p. Actually the car he is designing will have a 1,000 h.p. engine.

Dixon plans to attack the record next year, either on the Salt Lake beds at Utah, United States, or more probably on one of the great European motor roads.

J. SOWERBY NOT FOR F. A. "AUSSIE" TOUR

Sowerby, the Ipswich Town forward, is unable to join the F.A. touring party to Australia, and L. C. Finch, the amateur international and Barnet winger, will take his place.

LEICESTER BACK CAUTIONED

Jones, the Leicester City full-back, who was sent off the field during the match with Fulham at Craven Cottage on March 6 has been cautioned by the F. A. and warned that any reports of a similar nature will be more severely dealt with.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.50 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.55 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

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NOTICE

THE PUBLIC are hereby notified of the following Traffic arrangements which will be enforced for the official embarkation at 11 a.m. of H.E. Sir Andrew Caldecott, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., at Queen's Pier on FRIDAY, the 16th April.

1. Connaught Road Central from Pedder Street to Jackson Road will be entirely closed to Vehicular Traffic from 10.30 a.m. to 11.40 a.m. (approx.).

2. Motor cars conveying guests to Queen's Pier will proceed by way of Jackson Road to the Hong Kong Club where the guests will alight and walk to the Pier. Cars will be parked in Connaught Road Central, east of the Hong Kong Club.

3. No parking will be permitted in Jackson Road, Wardley Street, north of the Statue, or Connaught Road Central between Queen's Pier and Star Ferry until 12 noon.

T. H. KING,
Inspector General of Police.
Hong Kong, 15th April, 1937.

COMPANY MEETINGS

NOTICE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Jacobean Room, 1st Floor, Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, HONG KONG on WEDNESDAY, 28th APRIL, 1937 at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended December 31st 1936; electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 19th APRIL, 1937, until WEDNESDAY, 28th APRIL, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. C. GUTERRES,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th April, 1937.

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

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	Feet
Victoria Peak	1,823
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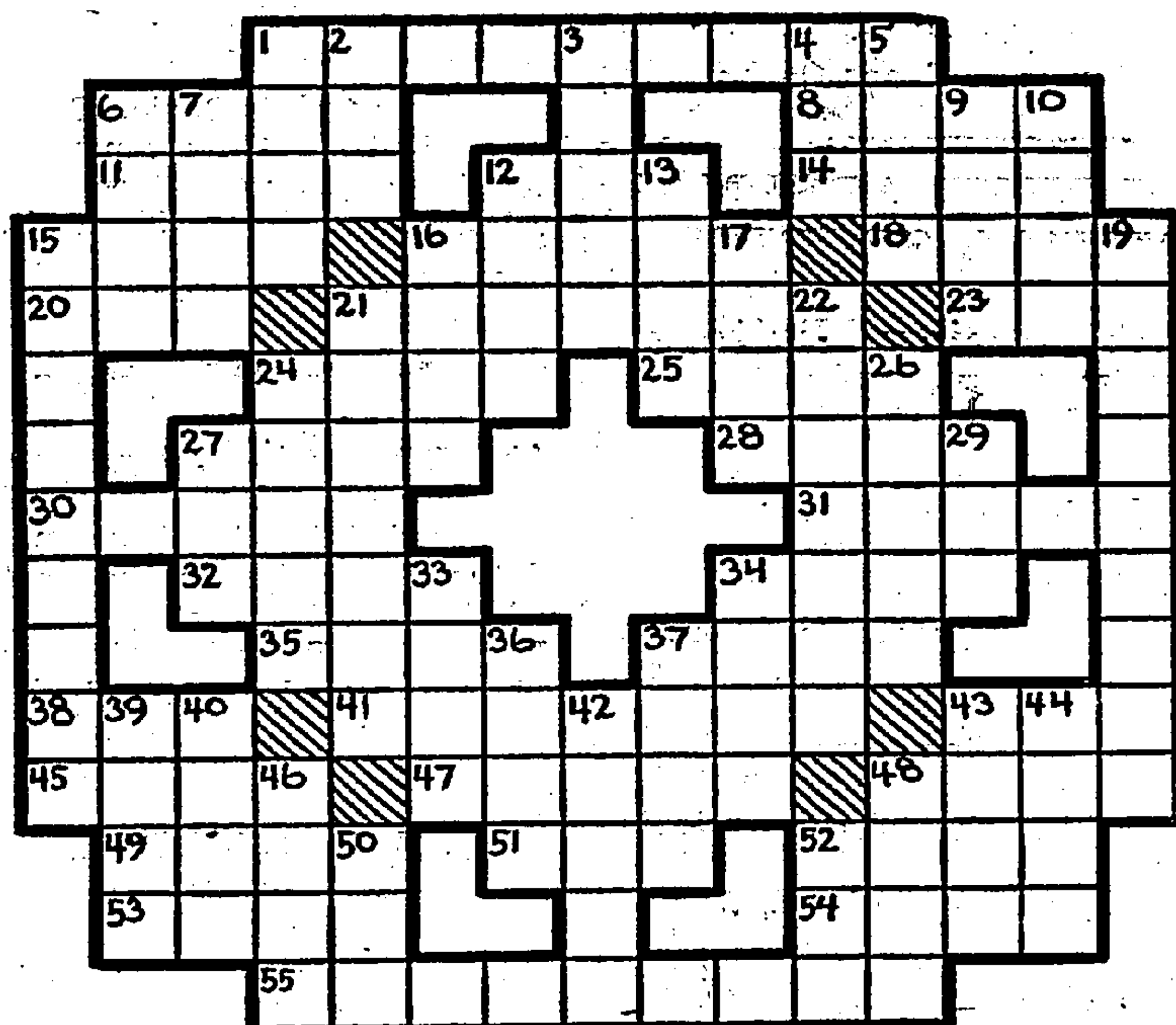
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Hong Kong, 13th April, 1937.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-To speak by wire
- 6-Propbet
- 8-A grain (pl.)
- 11-Equal
- 12-A wager
- 14-A song bird
- 15-Judge
- 16-A citrous fruit
- 18-Claw
- 20-A type measure (pl.)
- 21-More domincoring
- 23-A mineral spring
- 24-Segment
- 25-Sediment
- 27-Nude
- 28-Kind of bird
- 30-One of a series of steps
- 31-Dress with the beak
- 32-Slide
- 34-Recompense
- 35-Observes
- 37-Sailors
- 38-Unit of electric resistance
- 41-Reiterates

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43-A large cask
- 45-The lowest ebb
- 47-Frollics
- 48-Suspend
- 49-Told a falsehood
- 51-Digit
- 52-Prefix. Round
- 53-Combining form More
- 54-Lease
- 55-Made known personally

VERTICAL

- 1-Abound
- 2-Eagle
- 3-Compositions in verse
- 4-Present time
- 5-Gain
- 6-Observed
- 7-Evenings (Post.)
- 9-Afternoon parties
- 10-Clip

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Cholceat
- 13-Labor
- 15-Resignation
- 16-Wisdom
- 17-Never (contr.)
- 19-Grieving
- 21-Obstacle
- 22-Harvesters
- 24-Buckets
- 26-Fathers
- 27-Basso (abbr.)
- 29-Guided
- 33-Skin of fruit
- 34-Small rugs
- 36-Short gaiter
- 37-Seize
- 39-Assist
- 40-Post
- 42-Appearing as if gnawed
- 43-Small mountain lake
- 44-One
- 46-Look slyly
- 48-Take notice of
- 50-June-bug
- 52-Prefix. Before

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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SWAPS

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- 3 Copy Historic Shanghai
- 4 Macau & its Slave Trade
- 5 Cantonese for Everyone
- 6 English-Cantonese Dictionary
- 7 Copy Gods, Ghosts & Devils
- 8 Collection Very Old Coins
- 9 Copy 7 Pillars of Wisdom
- 10 50 London Metric Textbook UTP
- 11 Selections of 2,000 Old Books
- 12 Blackwood Joss Table
- 13 Blackwood Centre Table
- 14 Old Marble Clock
- 15 Philips Radio Valves 509
- 16 Philips HT Supply Unit
- 17 Kodak Film Tank No. 2 1/4
- 18 Short Wave Adapter
- 19 Seal Embossing Stamp
- 20 Wirgin Pocket Camera
- 21 Model C Kodak Projector
- 22 Concert Banjo & Case
- 23 Hermes Port. Typewriter, new
- 24 Old Rex Typewriter
- 25 Re-built Underwood 10"
- 26 Electric Ceiling Fan
- 27 Electric Table Fans
- 28 Quantity Electric Fittings
- 29 Electric Reading Lamp
- 30 Office Desk Lamps
- 31 Enamel Bath-tub
- 32 Enamel Sink
- 33 Large Bronze Statue
- 34 Parchment Lamp Shades
- 35 Painted Rattan Set
- 36 3 Large Metal Statues
- 37 Gateleg Dining Table
- 38 Small Cabinet Victrola
- 39 Small Tansad Buggy
- 40 Radio Cabinet Shell
- 41 Furnished Dolls House
- 42 Salador Water Filter
- 43 Ladies' Dresser & Stool
- 44 Large Chest of Drawers
- 45 Small Chest of Drawers
- 46 Double Bed complete
- 47 Single Iron Bed
- 48 Upholstered Day Couch
- 49 Teak Arm Rocker
- 50 Automatic Door Closer
- 51 Teakwood Bookrack
- 52 Quantity Old Gr'phone Records
- 53 Electric Hair Drier
- 54 Glass Door Cabinet
- 55 Large Bar Mirror
- 56 Pair Leaded-Glass Doors
- 57 Large Office Desk
- 58 Small Ice Box
- 59 Child's Dresser
- 60 Mah Jongg Set
- 61 Large Brass Tray
- 62 Phone Your Swaps 30761

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Movie Camera Small.
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VIENNA RECTOR'S WARNING

NATION HEADING FOR CHAOS

Vienna, To-day.
"More coffins than cradles are being built in Austria to-day, and unless drastic measures are taken, the nation is heading towards chaos."

These dramatic words were uttered yesterday by the Rector of the University of Vienna at a meeting of the Federal Council, which dealt with the rapidly falling birth rate and the increasing death rate in Austria.

The Council passed a resolution for stricter enforcement of the Abortion Law after the Rector had revealed that three-fourths of the doctors convicted for violating the law had been pardoned.

A petition was read to the Council from the Viennese School Teachers' Association requesting repeal of the "Celibacy Law" for female teachers.—Trans-Ocean.

VATICAN AND CORONATION

Not To Participate In Abbey Service

Rome, To-day.
The Vatican delegation to the Coronation of King George will leave Rome on May 1.

Headed by Monsignor Pizzardo, the delegation will convey congratulations and best wishes from the Pope to King George in a special audience on May 12.

In view of the Coronation service in Westminster Abbey being Protestant, the Vatican delegation will not participate but will watch the procession from the special stand outside the Abbey.—Trans-Ocean.

KWANGSI FINANCE

Mr. Lin Sen's Plan Of Assistance

Nanking, To-day.
Mr. Lin Sen, President of the National Government, and General Ching Chien, Chief of Staff of the National Government, have recommended the Government to help Kwangsi by contributing a fund of \$15,000,000 for the rehabilitation of the currency in the province.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

HONOUR FOR DR. H. H. KUNG

Shanghai, To-day.
Yale University of America has announced that it will confer upon Dr. H. H. Kung, the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws on June 23, 1937.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Ankara-Belgrade Agreement

Belgrade, To-day.
A communique issued at the conclusion yesterday of the visit of the Turkish Premier and Foreign Minister, emphasises the complete agreement between Yugo-Slavia and Turkey.

The communique states that the new obligations entered into by the two countries do not violate the Balkan Pact.—Trans-Ocean.

Cathedral Floor Collapse: Seventy Injured

Mexico City, To-day.
Just as the ceremony installing Mgr. Luis Mattines as Archbishop of Mexico had commenced, the floor of the Cathedral caved in.

Seventy were injured and many are not expected to live.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET GOLD IN LONDON

Believed Destined For New York

London, To-day.
The Soviet steamer "Andre Marti," with a large consignment of gold on board, arrived at Tilbury yesterday.

The gold, which consisted of about forty ingots of one hundredweight each, was landed under heavy guard.

It is understood the shipment is not intended for England but will be forwarded to New York.—Trans-Ocean.

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL

Vibro Piling Company's Application

That the firm had more capital than it needed was the somewhat unusual reason advanced by the Honourable Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, on behalf of the Vibro Piling Company, Limited, before Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning, when a petition was heard for confirming the reduction of the capital of the above Company.

Granting the petition, the Chief Justice ordered that the minutes of the Confirmation of the reduction of the Capital and the registration of the Company be published in the press.

The Capital of the Company will be reduced from \$215,000 to \$150,400.

HAMBURG HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

Hamburg, To-day.
An ambitious plan for improving Hamburg's port facilities was announced yesterday.

New wharves capable of accommodating the world's largest liners are to be constructed, while a bridge is to be built across the Elbe.—Trans-Ocean.

St. John Ambulance

The Director of Ambulance has the honour to acknowledge with grateful appreciation and thanks the receipt of the following donations and gifts:—His Excellency the Governor \$300; General Li Yeung King \$100; Mr. A. Raymond \$50; Ministering League and Ministering Children's League \$50; Sun Wei \$32.40; Tin Sum Wei \$16.10; Ngai Hang \$5.70; Mrs. Tang Wong Sze \$5; Mr. Wong Sin Chuen \$3; Mrs. Li Wong Sze \$2; Mr. In Wo Chung \$2; Wong Ng Kwai \$1; Mr. Tang King Hing \$1; and Mr. Ma Kwok \$1; Ladies Sewing Bee of the Women's Section of the Y.M.C.A. garments for Cheung Chau Hospital.

No British Monopoly In Azores

Paris, To-day.
"Britain and the United States have no monopoly over the Azores Islands in connection with the proposed trans-Atlantic air service."

This was announced by the Chairman of the air committee of the Senate yesterday, commenting on the granting to Imperial Airways and Pan-American Airways of the right to use the islands as a landing place.

Portugal, the chairman stated, had merely agreed not to grant similar rights to other British or American companies. She is perfectly free to give a similar concession to France or any other nation interested in a trans-Atlantic air service.—Trans-Ocean.

LOSS OF GERMAN CITIZENSHIP

Former Minister Of Finance

Berlin, To-day.—
The official "Gazette" reveals that a further 44 persons have been deprived of their German citizenship for "violation of their duties of loyalty to the Reich."

Included in the list are many outstanding personalities, such as Herr Arthur Crispion, a former Socialist deputy, Herr Klepper, a former Prussian Minister of Finance, and several well-known authors and professors.—Trans-Ocean.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL METAL SECRET

What Foreign Visitors Wish To Know

Behind locked doors at Woolwich Arsenal, experiments are in progress which foreign visitors attending the International Electro-deposition Conference in London would very much like to know about.

It is the most important of all the electro-deposition laboratories in Britain, which has led the world in plating base metals with rare ones.

The big problem to-day is to discover how, successfully, to plate corrodible light metals like aluminium or magnesium with surfaces which will give them a harder surface than steel.

For instance, chromium-plated, or, better still, rhodium-plated, aluminium or magnesium would provide light-weight aeroplanes, with new resistant qualities and higher speeds.

Rhodium is a rare metal, twin sister to platinum, a very thin deposit of which—20,000th of an inch thick—gives a hard surface which will not tarnish, rust or scratch. It retains a mirror-brightness which silver cannot equal.

The conference—attended by scientists from Russia, Germany, Italy, United States, France and Holland—is mainly concerned with the new methods for cheapening the processes of plating metals with incredibly thin and enduring films of other metals.

Many coronets at the Coronation, looking convincingly like gold and silver, will be a tribute to the success of platers.

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Wholesale Ban On Newspapers

Basle, To-day.
The Swiss Government has banned the importation of 52 foreign newspapers.—Trans-Ocean.

Cloudy Weather

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone over China has moved into the Eastern Sea and the depression to the north of Hokkaido.

Forecast:—E. and S.E. winds, moderate; cloudy generally.

JAMES MAXTON HOWLED DOWN

After trying unsuccessfully for 20 minutes to make himself heard Mr. James Maxton, M.P., left an I.L.P. meeting in the Limehouse Town Hall amid cat-calls and cries of "We want Mosley."

More than half-a-dozen speakers, including volunteers from the audience, pleaded for a hearing, but the meeting had to be abandoned after wild scenes lasting over an hour.

Mr. Maxton was going to give an address on "The Church in Spain." Six other speakers were unable to make themselves heard.

The Sultan of Pahang, Federated Malay States, arrived in London yesterday to attend the Coronation.—British Wireless.

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Faith, Hope And Charity

THE man stood in the doorway. He scuffed one foot against the other, the movement swaying him toward the jamb. Ellie's shrewd glance went downward to his shoes. The shoes decided her. They were split in the uppers and run down, warped by many weathers but scrupulously shined. The heavy lines of Ellie's face grew softer.

"You keep 'em clean," she said. "I mean your shoes. That's something."

The man's eyes avoided her. His shoulders sagged. It was not logical for her to feel a suggestion of furtive defiance in his attitude. But she did. It was the defiance of a cowed animal licking its wounds—and pitting all the strength of its will against a master. The woman felt a little anticipatory thrill pass through her.

He mumbled indistinctly: "I got pride," was all she heard. "I got my pride."

"I might find a job for you," Ellie said, "Do you think you could make a seed bed?"

The man inclined his head mutely. "Speak up," she said sharply. "Guess I could"—stammeringly.

She led him through the house to the tool shed at the bottom of the garden.

"You'll find what you need in here," the woman said as she unlocked the door of the shed. "If you're thinking of running off with any—"

His face lifted to her in mild apprehension. "Yes, missus?"

"—I'll be watching you from the window."

He picked out a spade and turned away. She felt without understanding it his fastidious avoidance of conflict. Some urge impelled her to touch him and she called him back. He came submissively. She was holding out a paper sack of powdered fertilizer.

"Here, scatter this in while you're digging. Don't waste any."

As he took the bag from her his fumbling fingers brushed her own. He had a hard, dry skin and his hands an unmoist warmth. She went back to the house without speaking again.

During what was left of the afternoon she went often to window or door to watch him. He worked slowly, with care, turning over the soil with slanting, even drives of the spade, pausing regularly to sprinkle the fertilizer over the broken earth and knead it in with the rake. About his feet on the border of the plot he accumulated a rubble of stones from the bed in ordered heaps.

She thought stolidly: "I'll make him a good meal. Men like a good meal. He don't look strong. He'll be tired and hungry. I wonder how old he is. Fifty, maybe."

With a glow of planning a meal for a man she forgot the uncomplaining ache of her loneliness since her husband had died three years before. She was forty years old. Her husband, a good provider, had left her comfortably endowed. She owned the house she lived in and a small cottage on one of the nearby streets. The district was a suburb, an adjunct of the town split into factory sites never developed. The property was not valuable but she had no worries. She had an income sufficient for her wants and

Concerning a worm that did not turn, but pursued its course in a rather oblique fashion

with few needs, few friends, inertia had obscured whatever impulses she may have once felt. It was queer that the man had stirred her interest. It had never happened before.

She made a meal quickly, competently, her unhurried hands peeling, mixing, in the routines of cooking. Her preparations over, she turned to the mirror beside the clock on the shelf over the sink and examined herself closely. She pushed the hair back from her temples, parted her lips and looked at her teeth. A step outside made her turn quickly.

The man was waiting for her

I'm tired, missus."

Perversely she felt the desire to hold him with her a little longer. Company for her was a rarity. She wanted more time to enjoy the feeling of power it gave her to have him dependent on her fancy. She felt, too, his silent opposition; timid lest she turn him out; obstinate in resisting impress of her will.

"You don't talk much. A woman likes to hear a man talk sometimes. I want to know more about you." Deliberately her voice grew chill with accusation. "How do I know you won't get up in the night to rob me?"

By Jameson Field

to open the door. "I'm finished now, missus." He did not notice how red her face was. "I put the things away."

"You hungry?" she asked. Her voice was kinder now. He nodded. "You can wash here. Take your coat off if you want," she added as he hesitated. She seemed to understand his shyness. Her husband had been a shy man.

The measured ticking of the clock paced the meal. The woman piled his plate with food—creamy scalloped potatoes, buttered beans and pink slices of sugarcured ham, gave him bread of her own baking, fruit conserve and cored apples preserved in cinnamon syrup. The man ate as quietly as he had worked, pushed back his chair and looked at her.

"Smoke if you want," she said, "I don't mind."

"Have you got a place to stay?"

"Nowheres, missus." His voice steadied, divined her offer. "You'll find me grateful, missus."

"There's a couch down in the cellar you could sleep on. It's dry and you'll be warm enough. What's your name?"

"Dan. Could I go down now?"

"You could lock the door, missus."

The hand holding his pipe trembled as he removed it to speak. She was sorry once the allegation was made. She had not experienced the least fear at the prospect of being alone in the house with the man. She knew already he was afraid of her. Her sole motive had been to provoke him to reply. Somehow her silence, an appreciable lessening of the tension between them, gave him permission to go. She heard him creak down the stairs after shutting the door firmly, and shuffle across the cellar to the couch.

"He didn't thank me," she said aloud. "He didn't even say good-night."

The door was still unlocked after she washed the dishes, laid out some sewing for the next day and went up to bed. She paused in her undressing to remember the touch of his hand on hers. From the window she tried to see down to the garden where he had worked. A restless wind pressed the drapes against her. She felt no cold.

It was good to have a man in the house once more.

In the morning she heard him moving about while she lay still abed. The unaccustomed sounds had awakened her from sleep and startled, she raised her head in alarm. Then, remembering, she smiled grimly. On coming down she found him preparing the breakfast.

"Get out of this," she said abruptly, "and set on the stoop like a man ought to before his meal."

It was the first occasion on which she had to tell him his place, and the last, for he never intruded himself again. He slipped into a series of odd jobs about her home that occupied his days fully. In the beginning she gave him definite orders each day.

"The hedgerows should be trimmed and I've got some bulbs you can plant. A board in the fence is loose. Fix it."

"Yes, missus. I noticed it."

Later, she found he had already pruned and thinned the tangled shrubbery and that not only was the board loose but the fence joists had rotted. Dan found some lumber and repaired it. He practically had to rebuild the fence. If the woman had not seen him working on it she would never have known. He never spoke of what he was doing one day to another but after that she rarely gave him instructions.

His relationship to her personally was—of receiving whatever she wished to bestow; and she gave freely. Her natural generosity showed at once. She was genuinely shocked by his clothing. Every article he wore was a cast-off, nothing matched or fitted, and yet she was conscious of his integrant neatness. His patches were clumsy efforts to hold them together.

He had been painting the house one day when she got back from town. She stood at the foot of his ladder holding a parcel.

"I've got some clothes for you," she told him. "A suit. A new suit for you."

He stopped painting and wiped his brush on a cloth. He looked down at her.

"Do you want me to come down now?"

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"WOMAN SHOULD BE AN ETERNAL MYSTERY TO MAN," DECLARES ONE OF FILMDOM'S MOST FAMOUS SIRENS. "THE SECRETS OF HER CHARM SHOULD REMAIN ESSENTIALLY HER OWN."

By
MAX FACTOR

A subtitle to this article would read "By Popular Demand," to judge by the number of insistent requests which were its collective inspiration.

It all started as the result of an article which we did some months back. To paraphrase our closing remarks, we said: "And

now that we've told you how to apply your lipstick we just cannot resist the temptation to mention a word or two on when to apply it." Then we proceeded to make several observations on the social aspect of make-up—the correct and incorrect times to apply it, and so on.

Came the next mail—and a series of literary bravos. "Congratulations on your courage," wrote one. "You hit the nail on the head," said another. "Your comments were all too brief and too delicate," insisted another, "let's have a frank and complete discussion on this vital topic."

That is how we find ourselves projected on a discussion of "The Etiquette of Make-Up." Dangerous ground, perhaps, but thought-provoking. We present herewith gleanings from conversations with many of Hollywood's outstanding masculine and feminine stars. Because of the provocative nature of many of their observations, these stars prefer to remain unidentified.

1. Never let a man see you apply make-up.

"Sure, we like to see 'em beautiful," said one of the screen's hard-boiled but romantic heroes, "But we don't like to see how they get that way."

The subject goes a little deeper than this. Have you ever realised the faces you make when you're putting on your lipstick? Of course, they're necessary to a good job, but they're not exactly esthetic to make-on lookers. Many women distort their mouths when applying their eyelash make-up. This, too, is often necessary, but seldom beautiful.

2. Don't apply make-up at the dining table.

Regardless of whether there are men or women present, it is always poor taste to go through the mechanics of putting on or repairing make-up at a table meant for dining. The wise woman retreats to the privacy of a boudoir or ladies' room for such a personal undertaking.

3. Don't apply make-up while on the street.

Fortunately, this practice is becoming extinct. It was not an uncommon sight in days gone by, however, to see a woman stop at any convenient mirror and calm-

ly proceed to change or touch up her make-up. The dictates of good breeding definitely outlaw this rather crude custom.

4. Don't borrow your friend's make-up.

On this point one finds all of Hollywood's stars unanimously emphatic. In addition to being in very poor taste, it is unhygienic and highly impractical. Impractical because it is in direct defiance of the all-important principle of personalised colour harmony. Nine times out of ten your friend's lipstick is not suitable for your own particular complexion colourings. By the same odds, her face powder is too dark or too light for your use. Keep in good taste, in good health and in proper colour harmony by having your own complete set of make-up, carefully selected by and for yourself.

5. Provide for the make-up needs of your feminine guests.

A half-hour spent with one of Hollywood's most gracious hostesses revealed something new in hospitality. "I always provide for the make-up needs of my feminine guests," said this famous star. "It is considered the very essence of hospitality."

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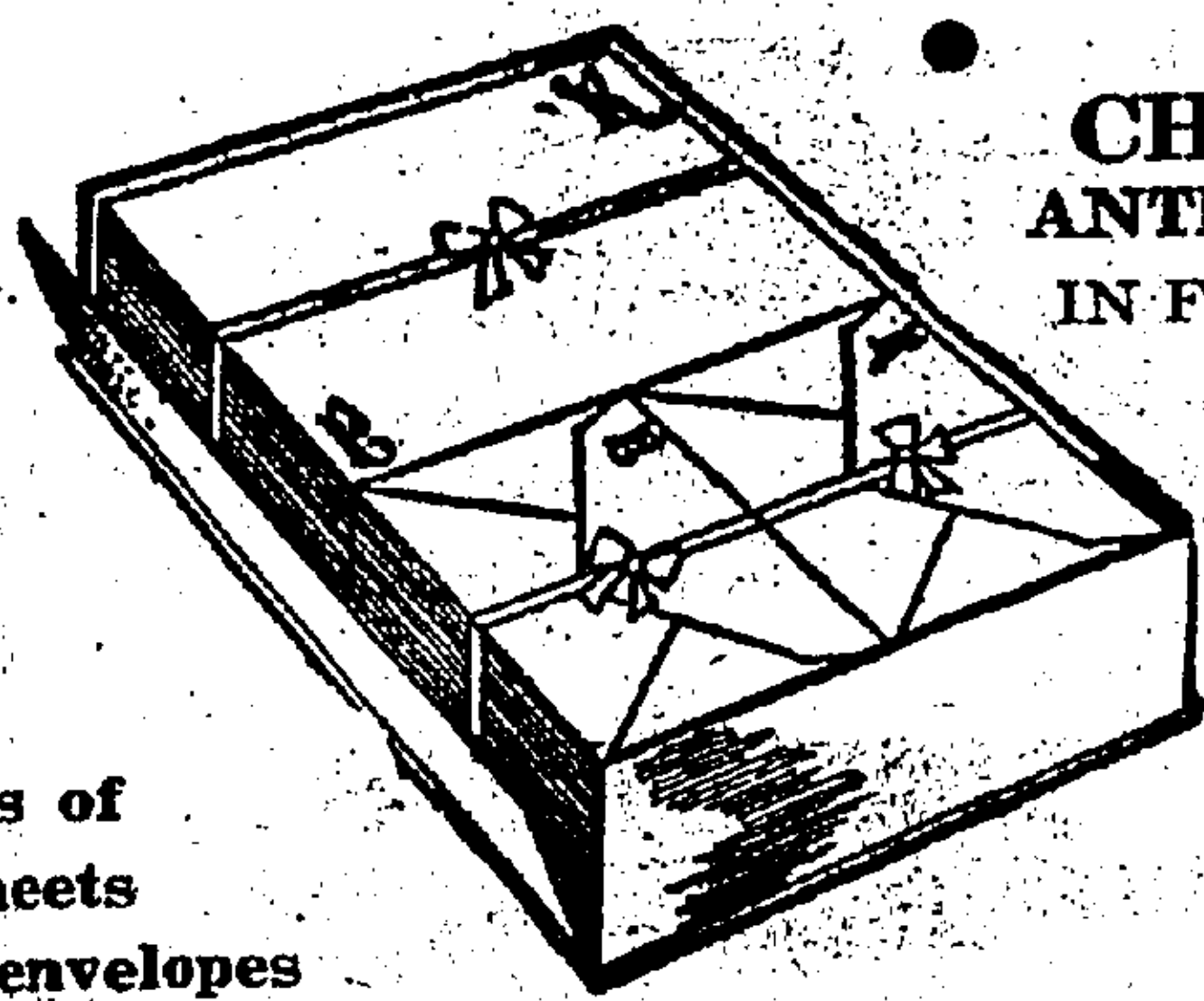
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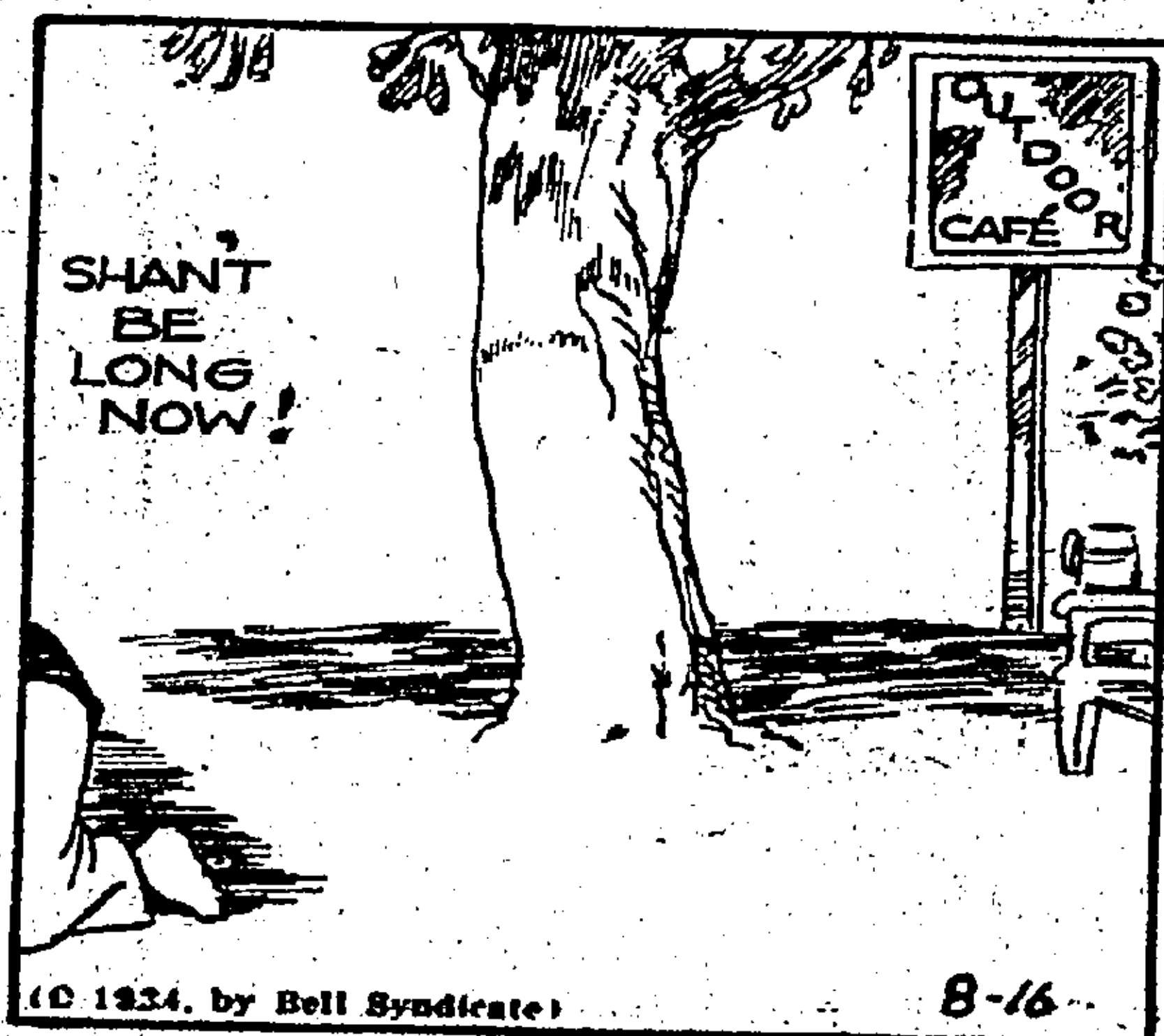
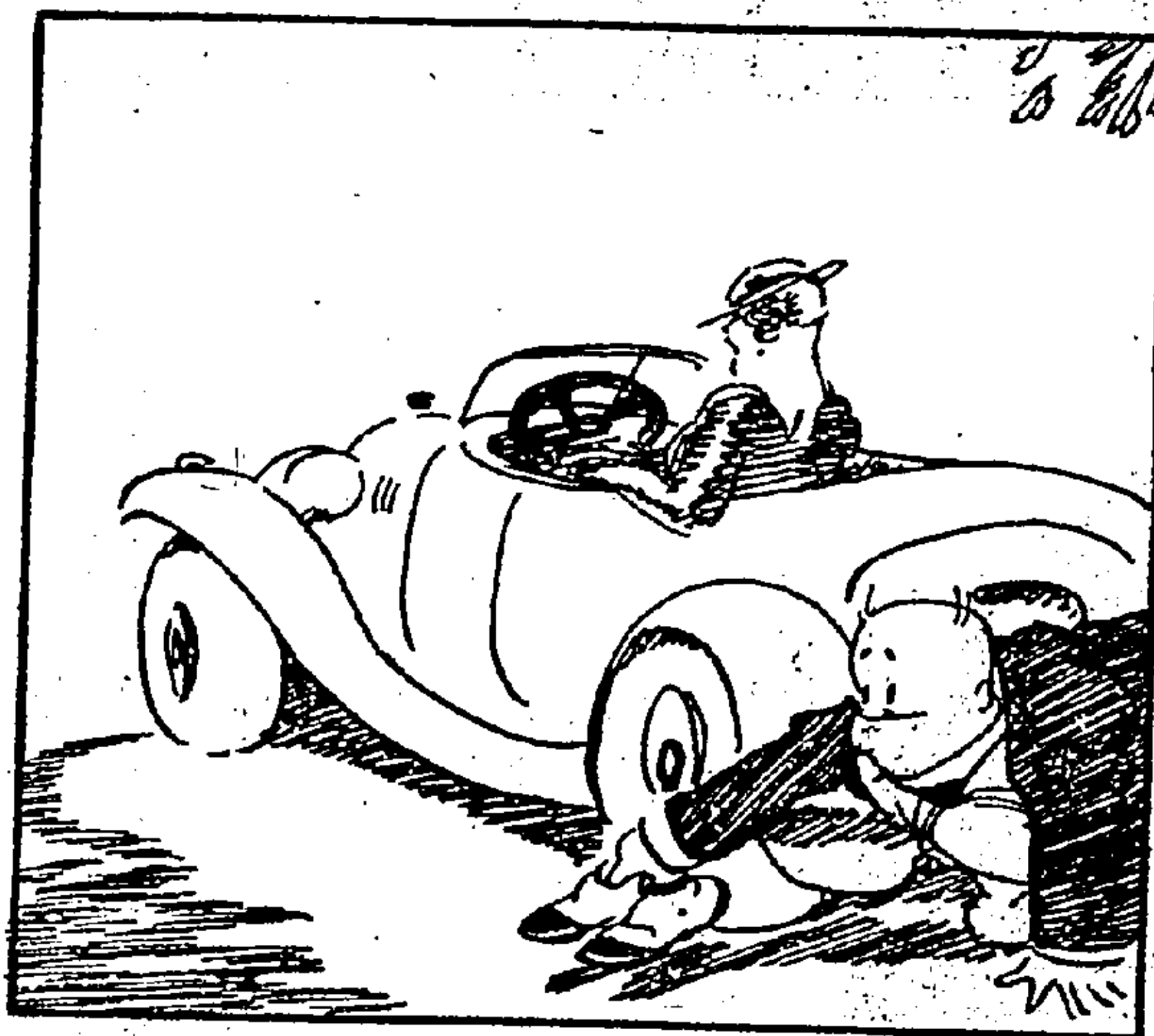
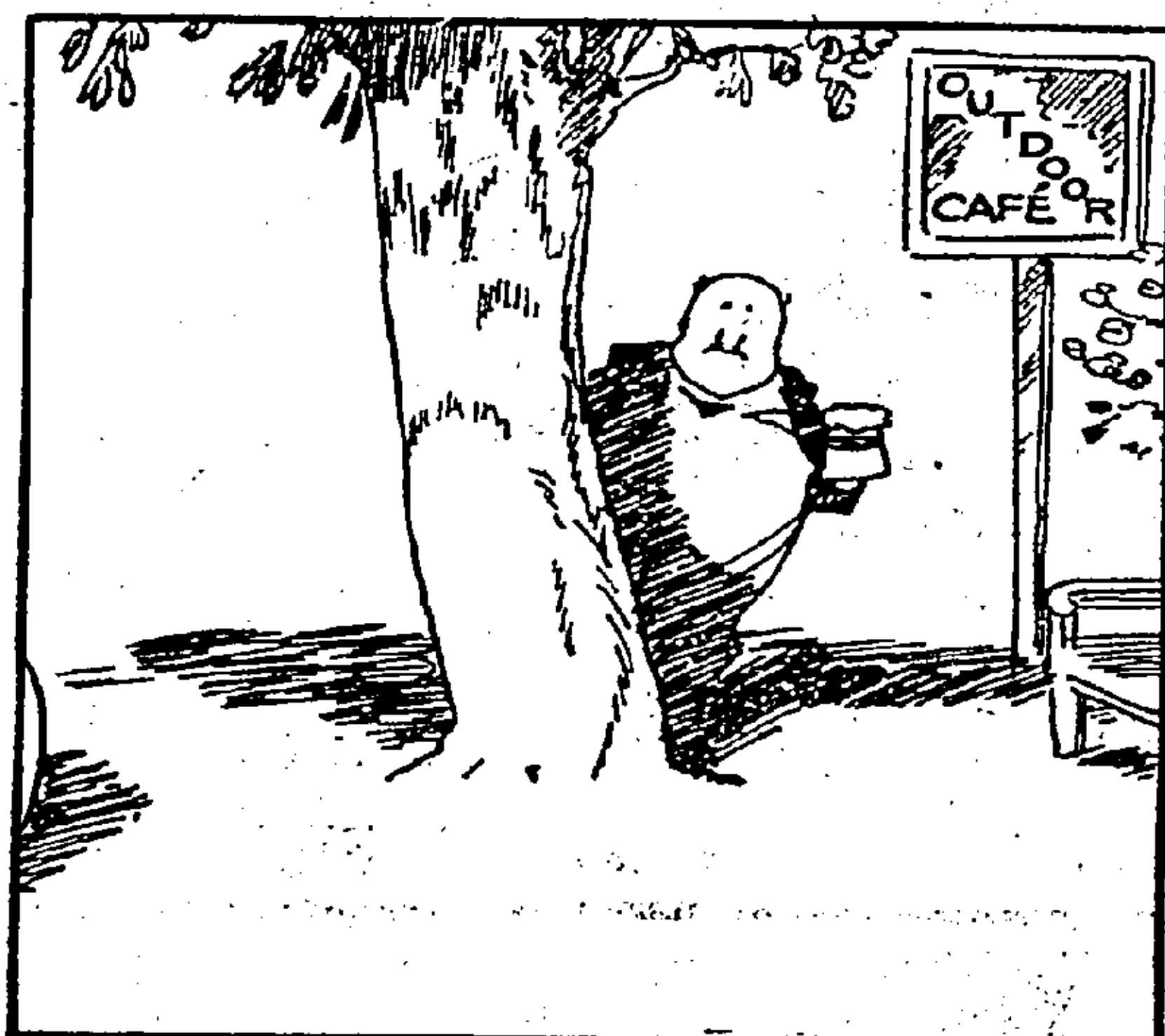
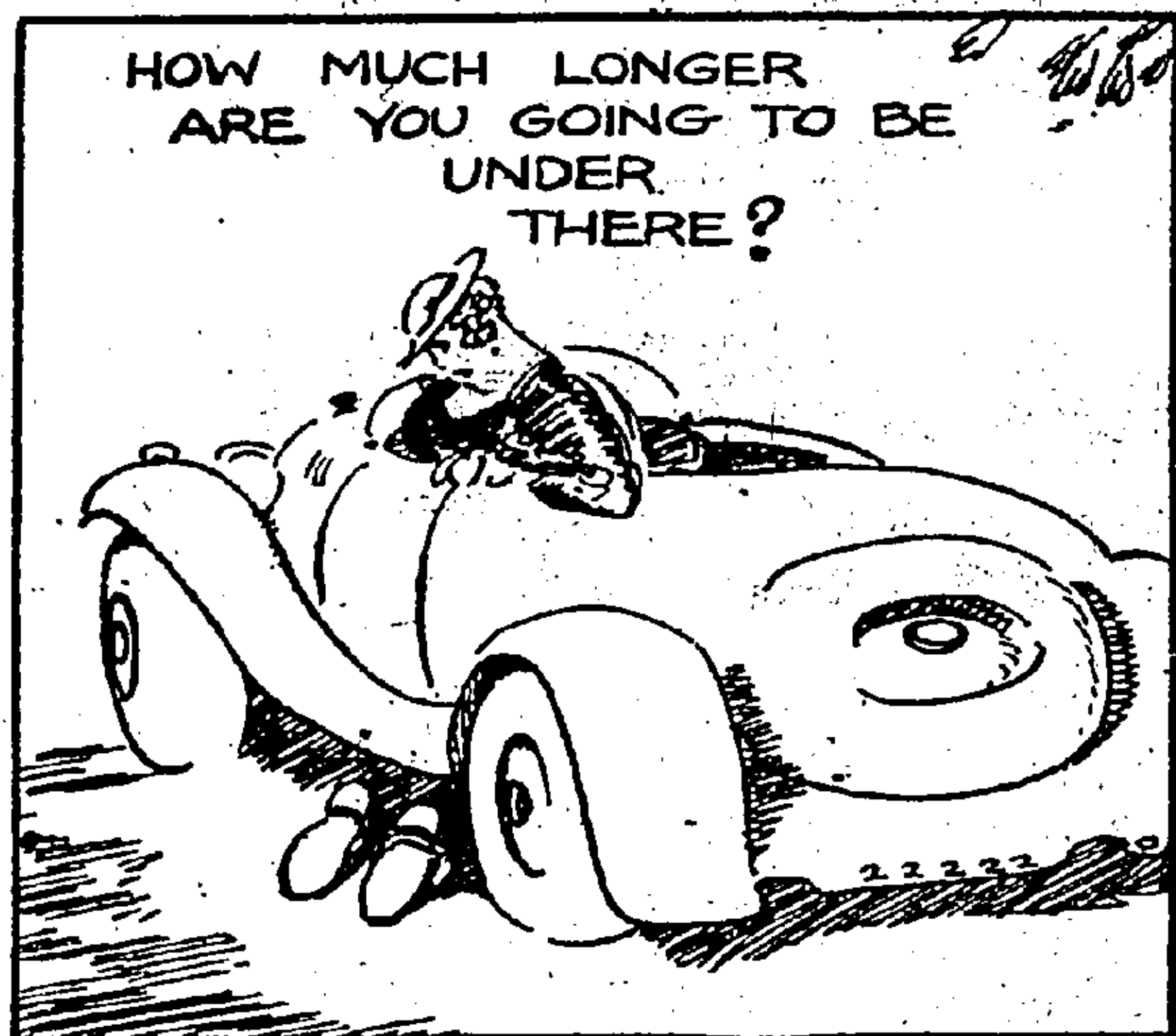


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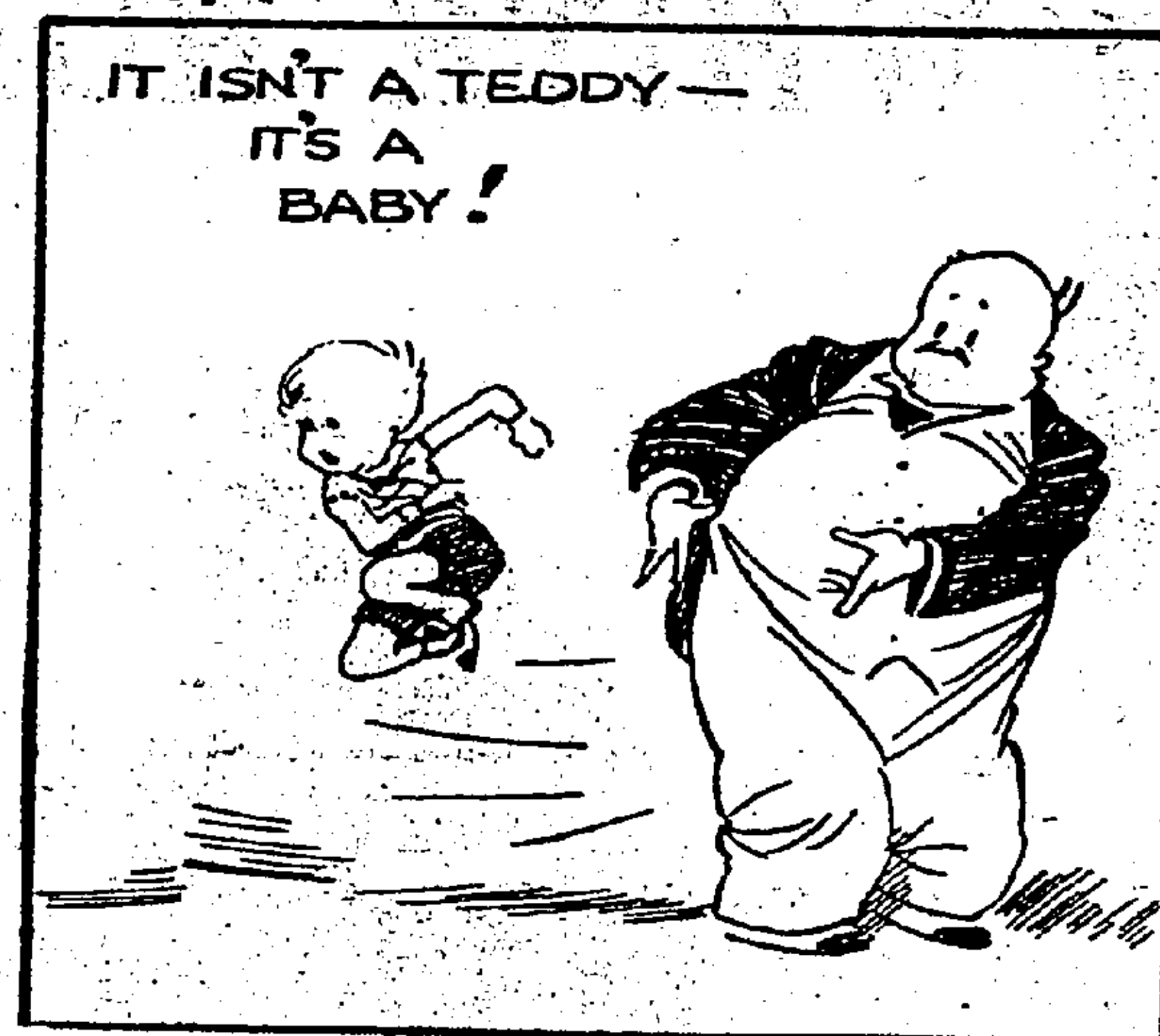
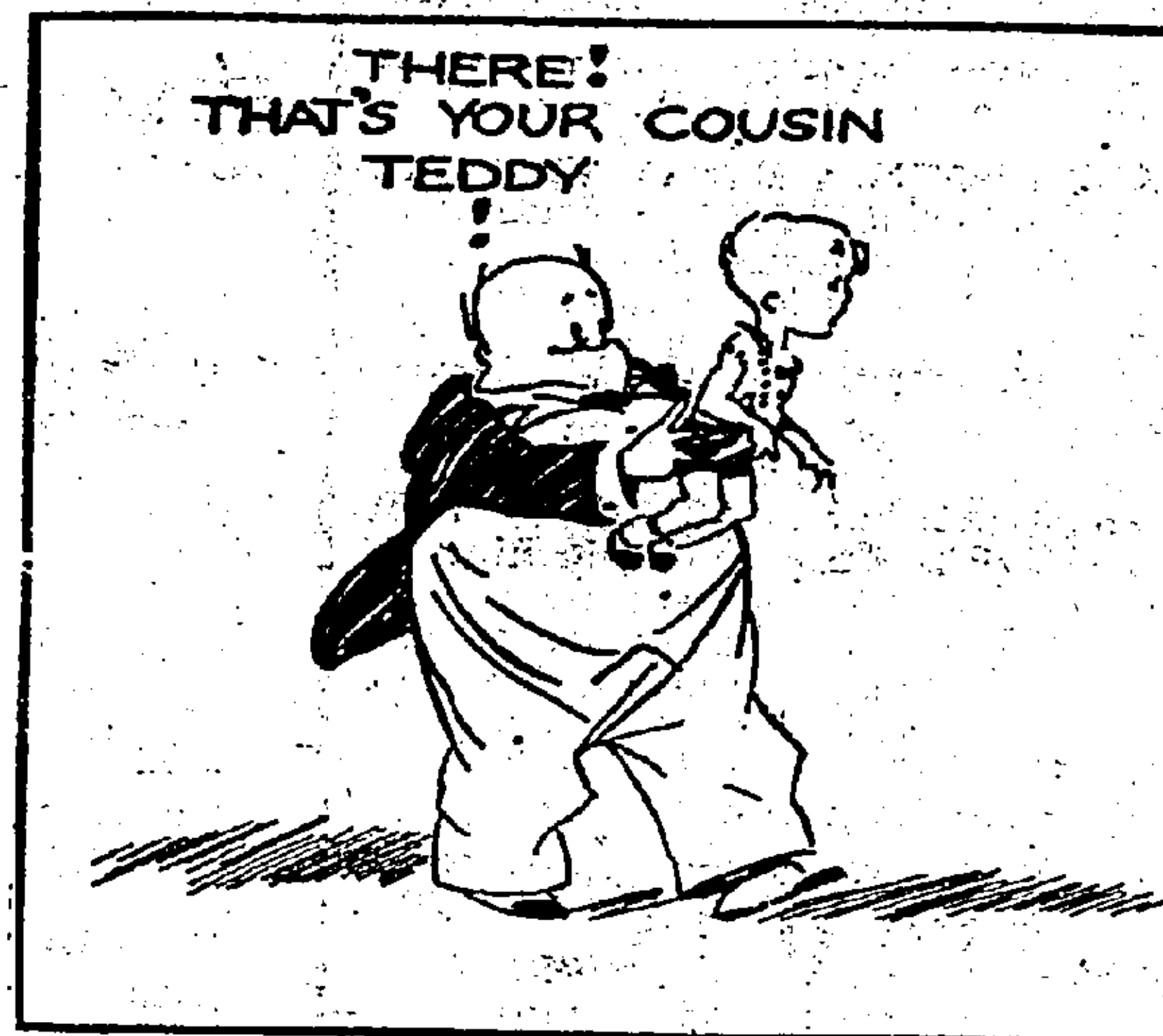
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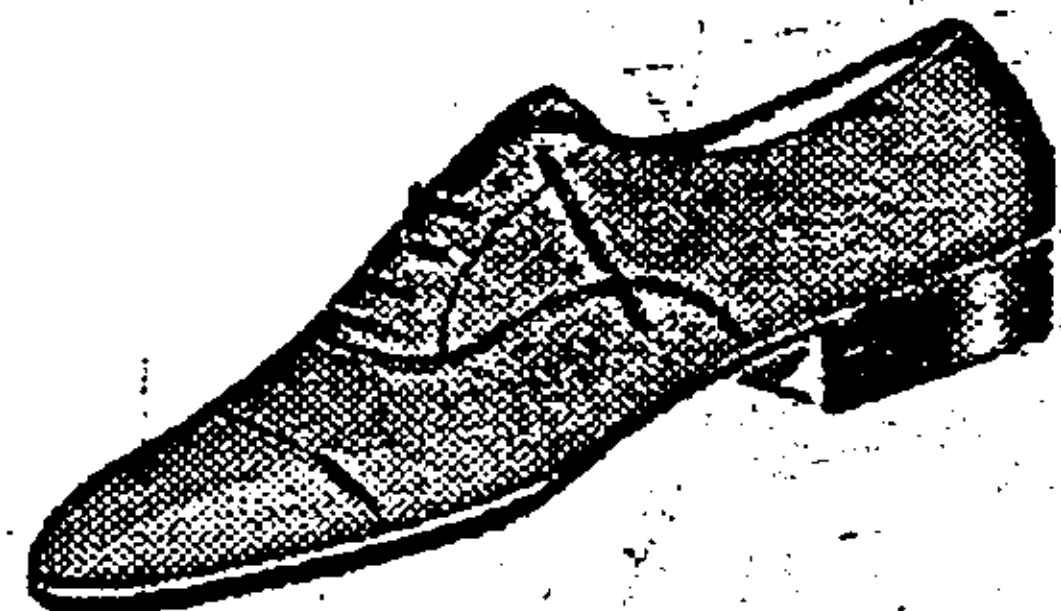
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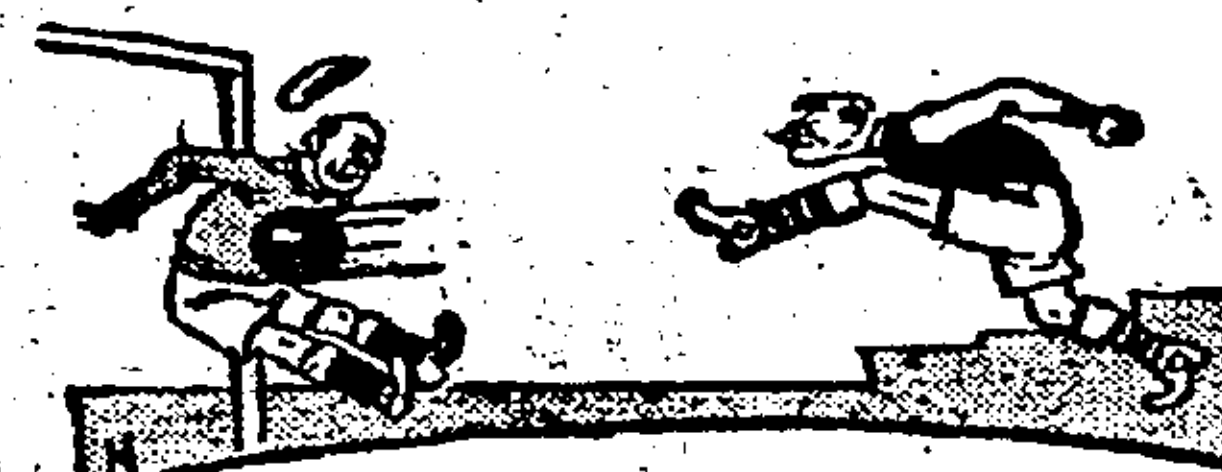
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Below will be found Ducat's selections, based on first-hand knowledge of the conditions likely to prevail and the number of injuries and changes that either make or mar a team.

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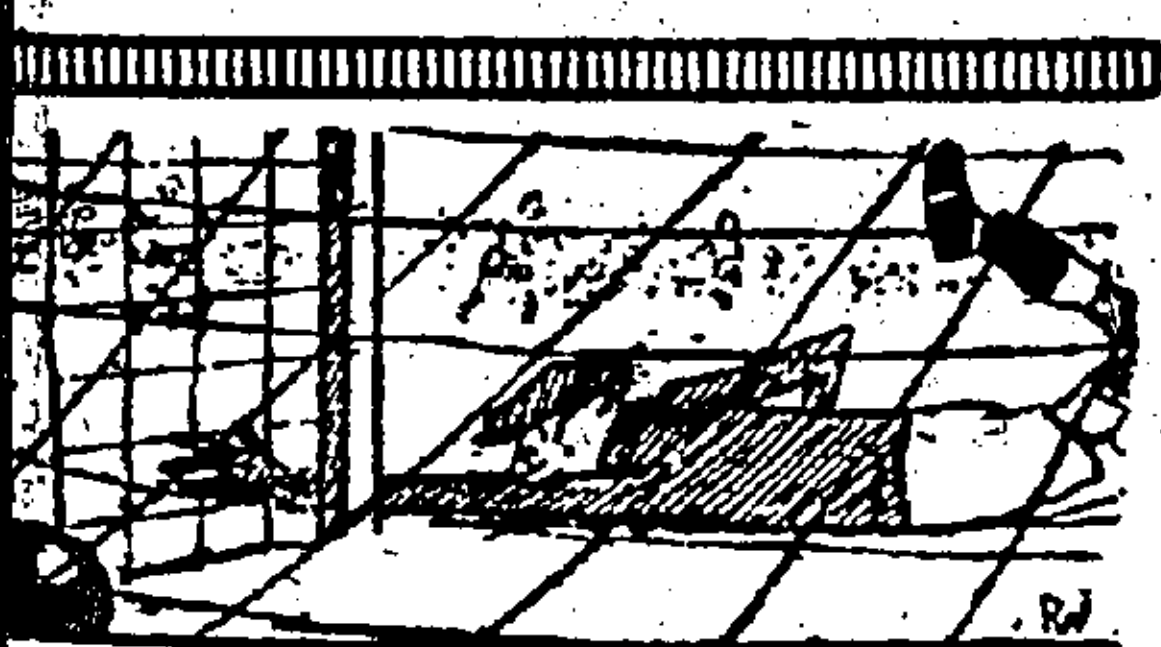
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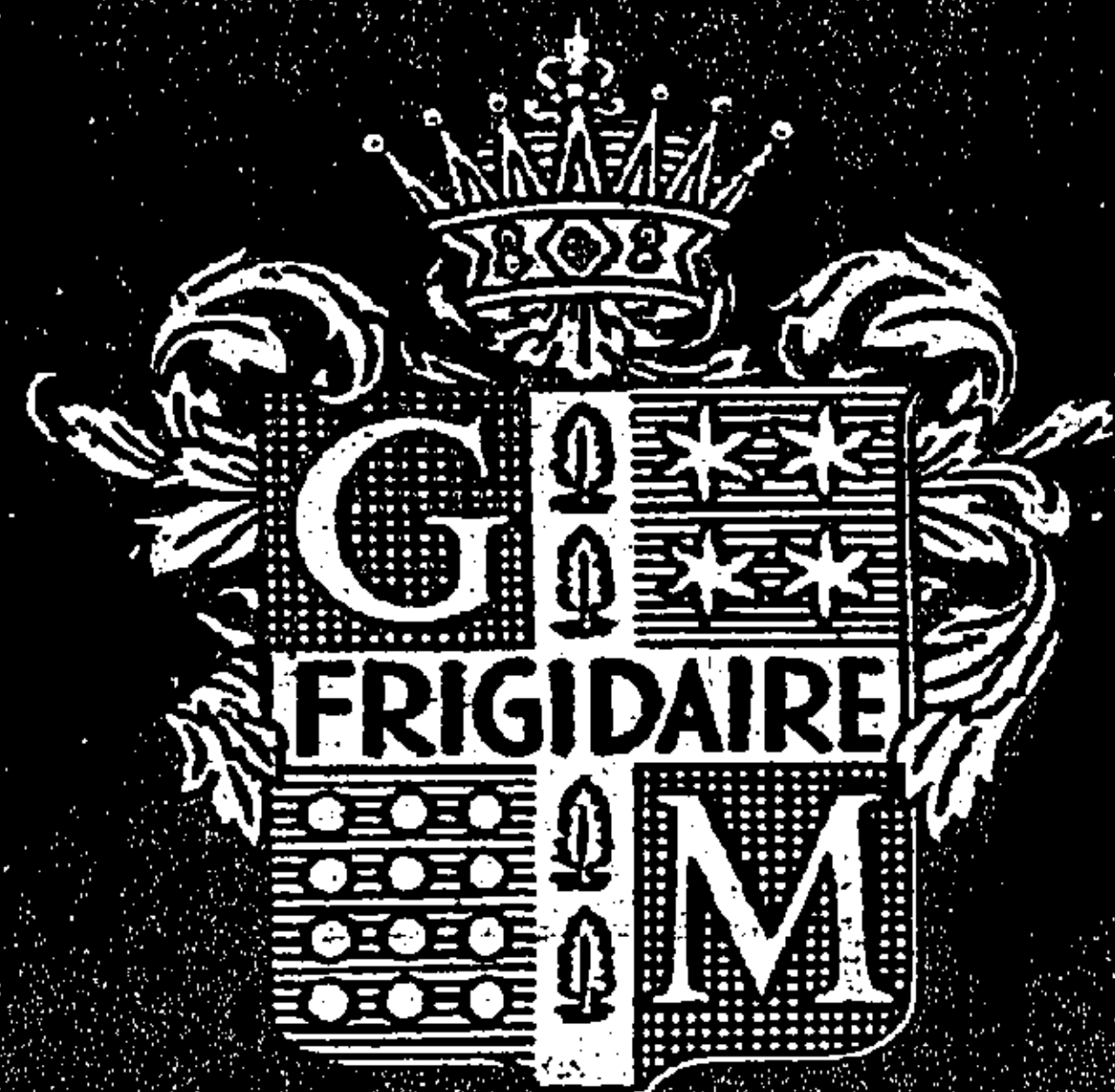
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... who the local golfer is who said to his wife:

"Darling, I'm going out to play golf."

"You waste so much good time playing golf and talking golf that it is driving me out of my mind."

"Driving you out of your mind? Darling — that is no drive — that is just a putt!"

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... who the stately gentleman is of whom it is said that one day he was standing in front of the house when it started to rain, and his wife told him to come in and let it rain on the lawn.

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... who the lady is of whom a rather nasty friend said that she is so skinny that she wouldn't have any shape at all if she didn't have an Adam's apple.

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... who the other golfer is of whom it is said that he is such a bad player that two ants climbed on top of his ball to keep from getting killed while he was making a shot.

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... who the two local residents were who had a chat on the way home on a P. and O. liner.

"Gee, I hope I don't get seasick when we get out on the ocean," said one of them. "If I got seasick I wouldn't know what to do."

"It makes no difference," answered the other, "you'll do it!"

"I even get seasick in a rocking chair."

"Listen — it couldn't get rougher than the last time I took a cruise."

"It was so rough the musicians on the boat were afraid to pass the hat around!"

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... who the young lady is who said to someone: "you ought to take singing lessons from me. Everyone says I have the largest repertoire in town."

"You should go on a diet," said the prospective student.

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... who that middle-aged person is of whom it is said that he is so deaf that he thinks the boiler factory next door is his wrist watch.

by The HEADHUNTER



Taken at the farewell given to the Hong Kong nurses who are representing the Colony at the Coronation of King George. Seated at the table are His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, and the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith. ("China Mail" photo).



Part of the huge crowd which watched last Saturday's Race Meeting at Happy Valley, which was held in perfect weather. ("China Mail" photo).



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"Yes, of course! To try it on and see if it fits. Don't you want to?"

"If you like, missus."

He started toward her holding the can of paint carefully so it wouldn't splash. "My goodness," she said. "You move slow. My goodness."

At first she paid him no wages. She was waiting to see if he would set a price on his services. She was willing to make a reasonable payment but she wanted him to ask her to do it. He never asked and Ellie was forced to make the first gesture herself. From the start she had supplied him with tobacco purchased on her regular trips into town. She would leave it beside his plate at the table. It would lie there untouched until the meal was over, ignored by both of them. Then she would manage to leave him alone for a few minutes. On coming back to the room she would find the tobacco gone and Dan lighting his pipe.

One night she put some money in an envelope and left it with the tobacco on his couch in the cellar. She felt guilty about invading his privacy although Dan was not there at the time. She looked around her curious to see if he had changed anything. The couch was pushed against the white-washed wall where it had always been. The floor had been swept around it and a patchwork quilt was turned down as a counterpane. Under the pillow she found a toothbrush, a comb, a stub of pencil, a spectacle case, a threaded needle. An empty orange crate stood in the corner and she wondered why he hadn't used it as a bureau to keep his belongings in. But the bed was all he had used. She left her gifts upon the pillow where he would be sure to find them.

Two days passed. She waited impatiently for him to mention her latest beneficence.

"Did you get the money I left for you?" she said at last.

He fumbled in a pocket and brought out the envelope.

"Yes, missus." Averting his head, he went on, "I can maybe finish the rock-garden to-morrow, missus."

She saw he had not opened the envelope.

The earth flowered beneath his hand and to the directness of her mind this was a vindication of him. The tender spikes of green showed through in an incredibly short time, grew tall and fructified in his care. He was a thorough workman, planning in advance; and he planted the garden in seasonable rotation so that the colours blossomed from May into September, from border to wall—spikethorn, sweet William and Mexican firebush to early briars, crocuses, petunias and hollyhocks in their seasons.

A heavy two-day rain confined him to the house and he worked painstakingly on a garden seat. Busy about the house, she stopped on hearing the sounds of hammering in the cellar and thought of the wood lathe her husband had rigged up in his spare hours. It had lain unused since his death. Without considering the extent of her concession, Ellie suggested to Dan that he work with it.

"A man ought to have a hobby," she said. "You can use the lathe as if it was your own."

He bobbed his head by way of showing he had heard. He appeared during this period to live in fear of being found idle, always casting about him for additional odd jobs he might put his hand to. In her unhurried way of life, each day containing its routine set of tasks varying slightly with the time of year, his cloaked anxiety to make himself useful about the house, his insistence on always being occupied and the cautious display of it, was strange, almost amusing to her. She was prevented from enjoying the novelty of this timid deference by her awareness of the importance it had for him; the struggle to become indispensable had involved her — she was the object and arbiter to which he directed all his effort. The effect was to give her a value she had never before discerned. He was doing these things solely to please her. She ought to show appreciation by making them more available and so she, too, looked around for little jobs to keep him busy.

She thought to resolve the question by, in effect, turning the tiny cottage she owned over to his supervision. She had no head for business. The place had become a problem to her. It was difficult to rent owing to its location — end house on an outlying street. She allowed him to collect the rent each month and acting as her agent he bought materials and made a few repairs to the property. Though tenants moved in and out regularly, Dan managed to find new ones each time, and Ellie was glad to be relieved of the burden. The care of the cottage devolving upon him seemed to make the situation less taut between them, and removed any chance of an accusation that he was malingering, for, alternating his attention, he found enough to do.

"My husband used to look after it," she said. "If he could do it, I guess you can. It's really better for a man to do that kind of worrying anyhow. You look after the little house from now on but don't do anything without telling me."

"No, missus. I'll do my best for you, missus."

In the fall she came upon him studying a night school folder he had found. It contained lists of academic subjects and he was ticking off those that interested him. His lips moved as he read down the pamphlet. He looked up, startled at being discovered, and somehow, she felt, defiant.

"It's about the night school. I was thinkin' of registerin', missus, if you don't mind."

It was the only time he had ever put forward a request on his own behalf. She tried not to appear surprised, to treat the matter off-handedly.

"Suit yourself. I won't object if that's what you're getting at."

Yet she was pleased. Her husband had been something of a reader but Ellie was a woman of little education. It was a side of herself she had not cultivated but in Dan she saw the desire for improvement having a relation to her, and she was delighted. Her feelings showed on her face and

she sensed at once his quick drawing back.

She said, hurriedly: "The cottage is vacant again, isn't it? I saw a moving van in front this afternoon."

"Yes, missus."

"See the real estate man in the morning," she said desperately.

"In the morning," he repeated.

He went to the night school classes. She took him with her into town to register. They walked along the road together, looking like a companionable married couple, he aging, worn a little, and she, comfortably middle-aged.

"Straighten yourself up and swing your arms when you walk. You don't have to be afraid of anyone you meet. You look fine. Is there anything else you need?"

"I guess not. I'll take up them dahlia bulbs to-morrow, missus. Frost'll get them if I don't."

"Never mind the bulbs now."

"Yes, missus."

After the first time, he went alone. He was neat and presentable as he left for school three times each week, carrying his books under his arm. It gave her an odd pang each time she watched him go. He had a position in the world now; a job to do, clothes of his own and money. But she felt grieved that he did not bear himself more proudly. He walked with his eyes downward, his thin shoulders hunched. He did not look back at her.

She thought: "Going to school will do him good. I'm not lonely while he's away. I can sit and wait for him. After a while when he's more accustomed to coming and going as he wants, he'll talk more freely with me. Tell me things. I'm not really lonesome when he's not here."

Then a short time before she expected him back, she would rise from the straw armchair, put aside the basket of sewing, and prepare a supper for him, a warm-over or a hot sandwich. If the night was wet or windy she would have a hot drink ready. Later, when he came in, they would sit down together and their talk would be question and answer. He offered no voluntary information. She was forced to be the interrogator. When he had finished eating, he would wait quietly for her permission to go down to the couch in the cellar. And when she had given it and climbed the stairs to her own bedroom, she carried a baffled, hurt feeling to sleep.

She was troubled and puzzled by his attitude but there was no appreciable cause she could pointedly allude to or blame. That a change was taking place in him she knew. Perhaps it was not so much a change as a leavening, a softening inwardly as if his nature had found an outlet unknown to her.

"He's hiding something from me," she told herself. "He avoids me but not enough to be disrespectful. And he gets away every chance he can."

He became irregular in coming home and awaiting him as she did, she noticed how it grew later each night before he returned from the night school. During the days he spent more of his time about the cottage and covertly observing him she decided that from being an impersonal though conscientious care, his interest in it had become personal and absorbing.

The suspicion at the bottom of her mind uncoiled slowly and grew into a conviction; and as if amazed at the result of her introspection she could not put it into words. She wanted Dan to do that for her.

"You're taking a lot of trouble about the little house," Ellie said as he tried to slip off one afternoon. She smiled uneasily.

"You're always over that way."

"I been fixin' up a little over there. I got things in shape here."

But his tone was defensive. He had heard the sound of the wood lathe from the cellar. Under his arm he was carrying a length of newly turned wood.

"Are you taking that to the cottage?"

"Yes, missus."

"What's the new tenant like?"

"It's a woman, missus. She's all right."

It was his confession. Ellie, watching him closely, saw his lips tighten as he spoke. She was convinced. The solution of his strange conduct lay within the walls of the little house. The influence she had felt working on him was a woman's. She was certain the woman, whoever she was, lived in the cottage and was the reason for Dan's new attitude.

She reflected on these things one night waiting up for him. It was getting well into winter, a sharp moonless night, promising snow. From the curtained windows of her sitting room she could see a patch of the unpaved road under a swinging street lamp and the ground, packed and hard under the frost, looked as if it would ring to Dan's step as he came home from his visit to the other woman. She began to construct the interview she intended to have with him but her mind kept wandering off to suppositions as to why he had kept up the pretense of going to the night school. She was sure he no longer attended the classes and she felt helpless in the face of the deceit because it implied anticipation, as if he knew something about her that she had not at the time known herself. It suggested that he was aware of the growth of her interest in him and had turned away rejectingly. She retraced the course of their relations since he had first come to her home. The climax was that he had succeeded her in control of the situation and she tried to find the explanation somewhere in her treatment of him. She began to grow angry and two tears slipped unbrushed down her wholesome face.

"Why has he treated me this way? The ungrateful brute! I have given him everything he needed. There is nothing I wouldn't do for him. Yet he turns from me to this woman."

A figure crossed the patch of light out on the road, coming toward the house. She glanced instinctively at the ornate clock on the mantelpiece. It showed twenty to twelve — the latest he had yet stayed out. She stood up and dabbed at her eyes and looked at herself in the pier-glass. The determined expression on her face satisfied her although she did not know exactly what she was going to say to him.

She said, twice-over, aloud: "We could be so happy together. So happy," and waited to hear the sound of the door opening as he came in.